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NIHR CLAHC for South Yorkshire

Further details: Stroke workforce PhD studentship based in The School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Sheffield

Every year around 110,000 people suffer a stroke in the UK. It is the third biggest killer with around 20-30 per cent of those who suffer a stroke dying within one month. Stroke is also the main cause of adult disability, affecting mobility, communication and cognition. Its impact upon those who suffer from stroke and their families can be devastating. The Department of Health view workforce development as being at the heart of its recent National Stroke Strategy. It is recognised that current skill mix and numbers are insufficient and the Government is recommending that local commissioners review functions at each stage of the care pathway. **A PhD studentship** based at the **School of Nursing & Midwifery** at the **University of Sheffield**, focussing on workforce issues pertinent to stroke care pathway workforce has become available.

The PhD studentship is available as part of the Stroke Theme of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Collaboration in Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care for South Yorkshire (CLAHRC-SY).

What is CLARHC-SY Stroke Theme?

CLAHRC-SY is an ambitious 5-year programme involving partnership between the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University and the surrounding NHS and 3rd sector organisations of South Yorkshire. It focuses on improving patient outcomes through the conduct and application of applied health research and service design in the areas of chronic long-term conditions, self-management, health inequalities and public health. The Stroke Theme encompasses six work streams: awareness; prevention; self-management; stroke unit quality; workforce and participation.

Support and Environment

The successful candidate will receive expert support from an academic and clinical supervisory team. In addition the work will also be located within the wider Stroke Theme and the studentship will benefit from working closely with other academics and clinical practitioners with national and international reputations.

Following the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, nursing at The University of Sheffield is now ranked among the top ten in the UK for research that is considered world leading, with 50% of our research being considered of internationally excellent quality. We are actively engaged in research collaborations with other schools and major research institutes within the University. These include: the School of Health and Related Research (SchARR); the Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing

(SISA); and the Department of Sociological Studies. These symbiotic relationships are giving rise to many creative research opportunities.

How to Apply

Applicants for this University of Sheffield studentship are welcome to contact Dr Tony Ryan (t.ryan@sheffield.ac.uk), 0114 226 9852 for further information. Applicants will be expected to develop and submit a **high quality outline** of their proposed PhD study (3-5 pages) which is in line with the focus of the work of the CLAHRC South Yorkshire and the research theme as described above.

For more information on how to apply please proceed to the web pages below:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/apply>

Please quote reference: Stroke-CLAHRC/workforce on all forms.