

NIHR School for Social Care Research

Supporting the *Enabling Research in Care Homes Toolkit*: Hourly-paid Appointment

The NIHR School for Social Care Research (NIHR SSCR) is seeking to appoint an individual to develop and manage the [Enabling Research in Care Homes \(ENRICH\) Toolkit website](#).

The ENRICH toolkit identifies the principles that should guide research in care homes and signposts those involved in research in care homes to detailed sources of information. As well as the toolkit, the ENRICH website includes case studies, news and a blog to showcase research within care homes in the UK.

The ENRICH website is managed by NIHR SSCR. Launched in May 2009, NIHR SSCR is funded by the National Institute for Health Research until April 2024 (Phase III, 2019-24) to develop the evidence base for adult social care practice in England by commissioning and conducting high-quality research.

The ENRICH Research Ready Network is supported by the NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) and brings together care home staff, residents and researchers to facilitate the design and delivery of research.

The postholder will:

- Oversee the development of the ENRICH toolkit to expand information on health care, social care and other areas relevant to research in care homes
- Facilitate links between NIHR SSCR and NIHR CRN to ensure information flows to manage the website and support the ENRICH Network
- Work with NIHR SSCR and the ENRICH team to commission “essays” relevant to research in care homes to develop information contained within the ENRICH toolkit
- Work with NIHR SSCR and the ENRICH team to update key information on the ENRICH toolkit, including statistics and data used on the website
- Work with NIHR SSCR and the ENRICH team to commission “case studies” relevant to research in care homes to develop information contained within the ENRICH toolkit
- Seek guest blogs from those involved in research in care homes (for example, researchers, care home managers and staff, NIHR CRN colleagues, residents and families), provide editorial support to finalise and publish these blogs, and maintain a steady flow of blogs for the website
- Maintain the news section of the website by posting information on new research, findings and activities relevant to research in care homes
- Update information on the website supported by NIHR CRN on a regular basis as needed
- Manage the ENRICH Twitter account
- Manage the ENRICH email inbox.

The postholder will need:

- A good general standard of education, preferably to degree level (or equivalent)
- Experience of managing and editing websites
- Experience of supporting a blog
- Proven writing and editing skills in English
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to work accurately and with excellent attention to detail
- The right to work in the UK.

The following are highly desirable:

- An understanding of research in care homes
- Experience of research
- Experience of working in health/social care practice and/or in a care home setting.

Commitment

The postholder will need to commit to:

- Between 5 and 10 hours of time per week to the role
- Occasional travel to LSE for meetings as needed (organised in advance)
- A minimum of one year commitment to the role (ideally two years).

The postholder will be employed through NIHR SSCR at the London School of Economics and Political Science on an hourly-paid contract.

The hourly-rate will be negotiated with the successful applicant based on experience and existing relevant contacts. The minimum rate is £15 per hour, and the maximum is expected to be £30 per hour.

NIHR SSCR would be happy for an individual to take on this role as part of their continuing professional development or education, and to discuss how this might be managed with the successful applicant.

Application process

To apply please email a brief covering letter setting out relevant experience and why the role is of interest, with a full CV, to a.mehta3@lse.ac.uk by **16.00 on Friday 17 January 2020**.

Enquiries

For informal enquiries about the role please email Anji Mehta at a.mehta3@lse.ac.uk.