

UCLH Nursing and Midwifery Research Strategy

Paul Fish, Deputy Chief Nurse

Florence Nightingale – used research to gain support for her practice

Nightingale is described as "a true pioneer in the graphical representation of statistics", and is credited with developing a form of the pie chart now known as the polar area diagram

She used it to illustrate seasonal sources of patient mortality in the field hospital she managed, for MPs and civil servants who were unlikely to read or understand traditional statistical reports



Some important messages

Research is important for UCLH, for nursing & for patients. There are still so many unanswered nursing questions...

UCLH is one of a handful of trusts with a dedicated nursing and midwifery research strategy

2013 has seen achievements including finalising the research strategy and appointing programme leads

Research is at the roots of nursing and midwifery practice

Research is a core element of the UCLH Nursing & Midwifery strategy

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National Context

In the NHS there are almost 500,000 nurses, midwives and allied health professionals working across such areas as school nursing, critical care, paediatrics, rehabilitation and maternity yet only a fraction of these are active in research (DH 2012)

There are a lack of clinical academic career opportunities for nurses & midwives. (Finch 2007)

Investment in Clinical Academic schemes has been launched via NIHR in response to this shortfall of N&M researchers (DH 2012)

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Why do we need Nurse & Midwife Researchers

“Clinical academics in these disciplines play a pivotal role in the NHS: their evidence-based teaching and work in practice has a direct impact on the NHS, spreading innovation, improving care standards, improving health outcomes and increasing cost effectiveness.”

*Professor Jessica Corner
Vice-Chair
Council of Deans of Health*

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Local context

The UCLH Nursing and Midwifery Board is committed to leading the way in developing nurse and midwife-led research.

UCLH and UCL have collaborated to set up the CNMR, the first N and M research resource of its kind in the country

Of the 2613 registered nurses and midwives at UCLH 9 are undertaking doctoral studies, covering questions from examining situated leadership to exploring whether specialised services for teenagers and young adults with cancer add value.

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Local Context

Today we have seen a snapshot of some of the research being led by nurses and midwives at UCLH and UCL

The UCLH nursing and midwifery strategy has been developed to deliver the vision for research in practice and clinical academic careers for UCLH nurses & midwives laid out in our N&M Strategy 2012-15.

The strategy is a first step in enabling UCLH nurses and midwives to develop the careers that enable them to generate evidence in response to current and future challenges in our practice.

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'Research is alive in practice'

UCLH is committed to delivering "world-class research to improve patient care"

The UCLH N and M research strategy group have spent the last year refining the research strategy to be launched today



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Vision

UCLH is recognised for generating outstanding nurse and midwife led research to support exceptional patient experience.



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Strategy aims

Put research at the heart of our nursing & midwifery practice.

Build a critical mass of clinical academic nurses and midwives who undertake research projects that inform the care they deliver for patients on a daily basis

Build a workforce of nurses and midwives that are research literate

Develop nationally acclaimed programmes of research to inform day-to-day duties and ensure best practice is adopted at UCLH and beyond.

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Five research themes

Cancer

Women's Health

Infection and infection control

Clinical Leadership and quality

Integrated Care



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Theme aims

Contribute to the evidence base for nursing and midwifery practice in the five themes

Develop a reputation for expertise in each of the five Themes

Enable nurses and midwives wishing to engage in research to contribute to the themes

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Theme Leadership

Each Theme will be led by a research active nurse or midwife, supported by a deputy

Administrative support will be provided by the CNMR

Nurses and midwives receiving funding for courses at degree and post-graduate levels will be required to undertake academic activities aligned to one of the themes.

Each theme will support and grow researchers to answer the questions that matter most to our practice.

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Clinical Academic Leadership

A Director will be appointed for the CNMR, who will be a recognised Nursing or Midwifery Clinical Academic

The CNMR Director will work with theme leads to grow the research capacity and capability of nurses and midwives at UCLH



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Partnerships with HEIs

The Theme Leads will all hold honorary contracts with one of UCLH's partner Higher Education Institutes.

The Theme Leads will work with HEIs to ensure UCLH employed students engage in coursework and research that fits within the five Themes

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Additional strategy aims

Develop the role of Research Nurses and Midwives

Raise the profile of research and audit

Support and facilitate grant applications

Identify funding for protected research sessions

Work towards employing a full time N & M researcher within each of the five Themes.

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Building capacity and capability

This research strategy will enable UCLH to lead the way in *Developing the Role of the Clinical Academic Researcher in the Nursing & Midwifery Professions* (DH 2012)

The strategy will increase our capacity to deliver *world-class research to improve patient care*

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Get involved

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