

The Department in 2007 has 26 research projects. Income from projects and programmes totals approximately £6,000,000.

Current and past grant funders include:

- Scottish Executive
- Research Councils UK
- The Carnegie Trust
- Forth Valley NHS Board
- Greater Easterhouse Development Company Limited
- Inverness & Nairn Enterprise
- Highland Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
- North Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Beatson Oncology Centre (North Glasgow)
- Chief Scientist Office
- Royal Marsden Hospital
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
- Cancer Research UK
- Western Isles Council
- The Health Foundation
- Western Isles NHS Board
- Highland Hospice
- Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)
- S.U.R.E Ltd
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Harold Hyam Wingate
- NHS Education for Scotland
- NHS Greater Glasgow
- Scottish School of Primary Care
- Department of Health
- ESRC
- Glasgow Centre for Population Health
- Wingate Foundation
- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
- British Forces Germany
- NHS 24
- SDO
- Asthma UK
- SHERT/Mary Tyson Research Fellowship
- DIPEX
- Smith & Nephew Foundation
- Children's Hospice Association for Scotland (CHAS)

We offer research degree programmes including PhDs and Clinical Doctorates in Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professional subjects.

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Research & Consultancy



Our research and consultancy aims to improve the health and illness experience of individuals and their carers whilst building the capacity and capability of nursing, midwifery and allied health professional researchers.

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Our Research & Consultancy

An Introduction

The Department was founded in the University of Stirling in 1996 to advance learning and disseminate knowledge within the discipline of Nursing and Midwifery and in related health and social care areas, in order to promote care and well being for patients and their families. Both teaching and research are seen as integral to this commitment, where research is crucial to facilitating evidence-based learning and in enhancing care and service delivery. Our research and education strategies are closely connected in the aim of the Department to place the health and illness experience of people and communities at the heart of our endeavours. The aims and aspirations of the research strategy draw upon, and connect with, the educational programmes within our Department.

Nursing and Midwifery is the largest Department in the University of Stirling and extends across three campuses: Highland, Western Isles and Stirling. Central to the Department's strategy is our ability to improve the health/illness experience of individuals and communities, including those in rural and remote areas, through our impact in research, education, practice and policy at a national and international level.

Research is organised within the four research programmes: Enhancing Self Care and Self Management, Improving Health Outcomes, Participation and Decision Making and Understanding Patient and Family Experiences.

Staff in the Department have expertise in a wide range of research methods and subjects ranging from antenatal care to health promotion for school children and young people. A network of connections which link staff across themes is fundamental to the Department's research strategy. Researchers also have active collaborative links with academics in Psychology, Education, Applied Social Science, Sports Studies and Philosophy. Applied research and multidisciplinary research are encouraged, and there is a commitment to theoretical and methodological advances.

The Department also participates in the inter-departmental Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Research Group and links to the University health research clusters.

We run Departmental Research Seminars four times a year and attendance is open and accessible to all.

Research Programmes

ENHANCING SELF CARE & SELF MANAGEMENT

(Programme lead – Professor Sally Wyke)

Aim is that carers and family members will be respected as co-producers of health and that health professionals will use the evidence base to work with them to maintain health, prevent and treat illness and manage its impact in everyday life.

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IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

(Programme lead – Professor Andrew Watterson)

Focuses on research that is relevant to exploring how nurses, midwives, and other health professionals may contribute to improved health outcomes in practical ways; engaging a range of user, community and lay groups; developing a better public understanding of and involvement with public health; and evaluating research impacts on health professional practice.

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PARTICIPATION & DECISION MAKING

(Programme lead – Professor Len Dalgleish)

Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals are increasingly working in models of care in which they are operating as autonomous practitioners. The judgements and decisions of NMAHPs are central to healthcare provision. At the same time the concept of choice and control for service users has become central to healthcare policy. Therefore research in decision making is essential if NMAHPs are to be equipped to provide an optimum level of healthcare.

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UNDERSTANDING PATIENT & FAMILY EXPERIENCES

(Programme lead – Dr Gill Hubbard)

The programme aims to contribute to international excellence in research related to the experiences of people affected by illness. It also aims to ensure that people's experience of ill-health informs service organisation and delivery; to develop the theory of experiential knowledge as a discipline – developing policy and practice based on knowledge derived from experience.

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The Department hosts the following Centres and Alliances:-

ALLIANCE FOR SELF CARE RESEARCH

(Director – Professor Sally Wyke)

The Alliance for Self Care Research is a consortium of the universities of Stirling (lead), Aberdeen, Abertay, Dundee, Robert Gordon, St Andrews and their local NHS partner organisations.

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CANCER CARE RESEARCH CENTRE

(Director – Professor Nora Kearney)

The Cancer Care Research Centre (CCRC) was established in October 2003. It is unique in its approach to research working in collaboration with people affected by cancer to enable them to help shape the future of cancer services.

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HEALTHQWEST

(Stirling contact – Professor Len Dalgleish)

HealthQWest is a consortium consisting of the National Health Service (NHS) Scotland and six Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) (Glasgow Caledonian University (lead), and the Universities of Glasgow, Strathclyde, Stirling, Paisley and Bell College).

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NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS RESEARCH UNIT

(Director – Professor Catherine Niven)

The Unit is core funded by the Chief Scientist Office - part of the Scottish Executive Health Department - which supports and promotes high quality research aimed at improving the services offered by NHS Scotland, and the health of the people of Scotland. It is one of seven such units spread across Scotland, all of which promote research excellence in their respective fields.

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