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**Experience of Health
Care**

**Person Reported
Outcomes**

**Translating Knowledge
into Practice**

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selected highlights of our
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Oslo

Institute of Nursing Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences

Kate was invited to give a plenary presentation in Oslo in September by the Institute of Nursing Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences. They train 10% of Norway's nurses, and are located in an amazing modern new building, complete with large student area, sculptures and an art installation.



Kate spoke on evidence based healthcare and knowledge translation with focus on chronic pain. The following day she ran a workshop on mixed methods and complex interventions. It was fabulous to learn about the really interesting research studies underway in Norway. We hope to develop some collaborative research in the future.

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Research Colloquium

Liz Tutton joined a distinguished group of academics and practitioners at St John's College, Oxford to discuss 'Revisiting Unconscious Defences against Anxiety' led by David Armstrong and Michael Rustin. The two days was instigated by reflections on Menzies work in the 60s and 70s and considered a range of perspectives, conceptual and theoretical, and in different contexts; private, health services, welfare and education.

Liz provided an overview of Menzies early work that suggested nurses use socially constructed defence mechanisms to protect against anxiety.

An example of the defence mechanisms were: splitting up the nurse patient relationship through task allocation; depersonalisation; and detachment from feelings. This work was considered in light of changes over time in the organisation of care, values and beliefs underpinning nursing, emotional labour and the current culture of nursing.

The discussion time was extensive and very invigorating. A book is planned to cover many of the issues raised at the colloquium.

Contact: Liz Tutton



Hanneke Wiltjer

We are very pleased to announce that Hanneke Wiltjer has been awarded £780 by the Nightingale Fund. The Fund has limited resources and each year the Fund is able to help around 30 nurses with their course fees. Hanneke is a part-time PhD student focussing on multi-dimensional assessments on an inpatient ward for older people.

The panel who assessed Hanneke's work were impressed by the quality of her work to-date and look forward to seeing the findings from her study.

www.thenightingalefund.org.uk

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Florence: Musculoskeletal Pain



European Federation of International Association for the Study of Pain Chapters

Kate presented a poster at the European Federation of International Association for the Study of Pain Chapters in Florence in October. There were 4,000 delegates and over 1,000 posters over four days. This is a multidisciplinary

international meeting, so there were basic scientists, clinicians, nurses, psychologists and a range of allied health professionals attending.

There was a lot of interest in our poster, a meta-ethnography (qualitative research synthesis) on musculoskeletal pain undertaken in a collaboration between Toye, Seers, Allcock, Carr, Briggs and Barker.

There were many interesting posters at the meeting, and new contacts were made.

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PROHip Advisory Group



Liz Tutton, Bob Handley, Jo Brett, Kirstie Haywood, Mary Dennett, Pat Williams, Julie Wright

Patient Reported Outcomes for fragility Hip fracture

The final Advisory Group for the PROHip Study took place in October at the Kadoorie Centre, in Oxford. The group comprised of clinical staff from the Trauma Unit, patient representatives who had experienced hip injuries and researchers from the

RCNRI. Jo Brett presented the findings from the experience of hip fracture study and Kirstie Haywood presented findings from the review of hip fracture outcomes. Publications are underway and Jo and Kirstie have presented at several conferences. Additional group members not in the photograph are Ade Adebajo, Debbie Langstaff and Glynne Butt.

Recent Publications

Toye, FMA., **Seers, K.**, Allcock, N., Briggs, M., Carr, E., Andrews, J., Barker, K. (2013) 'Trying to pin down jelly' - exploring intuitive processes in quality assessment for meta-ethnography. *BMC Medical Research Methodology*, 13:46. doi:10.1186/1471-2288-13-46 (Open access paper)

Avital L., Carr E., **Staniszewska S.** (2013) A summary of the development of the NICE Patient experience in adult NHS services guidance and quality standard with a perspective of its relevance in a Canadian context. *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*, 3(9):70-74.

Staniszewska, S., Denegri, S. (2013) Patient and public involvement in research: future challenges. *Evidence Based Nursing*, 16(3):69. doi:10.1136/eb-2013-101406.

Haywood, KL., Packham, KC., Jordan, KP. (2013) Assessing fatigue in ankylosing spondylitis: the importance of frequency and severity. *Rheumatology (Oxford)*. Dec 4 (Epub ahead of print) PMID 24300241.

The RCN Research Institute, within the Division of Health Sciences, Warwick Medical School at the University of Warwick, provides a vibrant student research community.

If you are interested in undertaking a PhD, part time or full time, please contact:

Prof Kate Seers.

A World Café Event

Patient Reported Outcomes and Patient Engagement - A World Café Event

The 20th Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQoL) (<http://www.isoqol.org/2013-conference>) was held in Miami, Florida during October 2013.

A new special interest group – Patient Engagement – was launched, supported by a symposium on the topic. The symposium was presented as a world café, hosted by Dr Kirstie Haywood, chaired by Professor Sam Salek (Cardiff), and facilitated by colleagues from Warwick (Jo Brett) and Canada (Drs Colleen Norris, Nancy Marlett, Svetlana Shklarov, Maria Santana and Mr Colin Penman - a patient engagement researcher). Participants were invited to participate in a learning conversation about patient and

public involvement, or engagement, in patient reported outcomes and health-related quality of life research. The café setting provided a fun and enjoyable opportunity to explore together the challenges for patient engagement in quality of life research, drawing on and describing a wide array of international experiences.

Participants provided their thoughts and suggestions by doodling on table cloths and

writing on sticky labels that were attached to a plain board to originate the “Wall of Engagement”. The analysis of this data will support the generation of knowledge that will highlight the challenges and opportunities associated with patient engagement and promote and focus future efforts for patient engagement in patient reported outcomes and health related quality of life research.

Contact: Kirstie Haywood, Jo Brett

The Hosts of the ISOQoL Patient Engagement World Café and the “Wall of Engagement”



Back row: Kirstie Haywood, Jo Brett, Colleen Norris, Colin Penman, Sam Shayegen-Salek, Maria Santana
Front row: Svetlana Shklarov, Nancy Marlett, Sandra Beurskens

Health Technology Assessment International

Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Meeting in Odense, Denmark

Sophie Staniszewska is a member of the Patient and Citizen Involvement in HTA Sub-Group and co-chairs the Methods and Impact Group. Sophie attended a special meeting of the Group in Odense over a weekend in October 2013. Health Technology Assessment, or HTA, is the systematic evaluation of effects of a health technology (e.g. a medicine, device, diagnostic test, vaccine) to inform decision making in healthcare. The HTAi Patient and Citizen Involvement in HTA Interest Group aims to promote and develop robust methodologies to incorporate patients' perspectives in HTAs, and share best practice in patient and citizen involvement in the HTA process, and strengthen HTA by systematic incorporation of patient perspectives.



Winter on Campus

Members of the group who attended the meeting included colleagues from Australia, Canada, Scotland, England, Sweden, and Denmark. The meeting focused on some of the core concepts and themes that underpin our work and we were able to progress key studies which group members are leading on in addition to planning papers from our work. It was a great chance to spend time with colleagues who only see each other once a year at the annual conference and to experience Danish culture, with a wonderful meal at the home of one of our collaborators in Odense.

www.htai.org

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