Faculty of Health & Social Work
Research Report
2007
This is the first annual research report from the Faculty of Health and Social Work at the University of Plymouth. Research in the Faculty covers a wide range of sub-disciplines in the Schools of Applied Psychosocial Studies, Health Professions and Nursing & Community Studies.

The principal aim of this report is provide a profile of the key research outputs and activities during 2007. It is intended for use both within and outside of the University. If you would like further information about particular aspects of the research summarised here, or more recent research activity, please visit our other research web pages where you will find links to research groups and individuals at the same URL: http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/hsw/research.

Alternatively, please feel free to contact individual researchers named in this report if you wish to discuss their work or explore future collaborations.

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SCHOOL OF APPLIED PSYCHOSOCIAL STUDIES

EDITED BOOKS

BOOK CHAPTERS


REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES


**CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS**


**Cattani, A. (2007).** Memoria visuo-spaziale in sordi e udenti segnanti e nonsegnanti. 3 *Convegno Nazionale sulla lingua dei segni*. Verona, Italy, 9-11th March.


Lea SJ and Laker JC. (2007) Reconsidering our ideas of what constitutes research to accompany the evolution of the multiple dimensions of scholarship. Advances in Qualitative Methods, 21-24 September, Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada.


Wallace S. A Social History of Infection, BIRTHA Bristol University March 2007.

Wallace S. The Culture of evidence, Annual Social History Conference, Exeter University, March 2007.


OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS


NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS


Gilbert T and Barnett A. (2007) Exploring models of expert/consultant practice in social work and how this links to the new Post Qualifying framework and the development of the research/evidence base in social work. Skills for Care £12,756.


Gilbert T, Donnellan H and Jack, G. 2006 – 2007. Identifying the education and training needs of newly qualified social workers in child care in Devon. £38,000 Peninsula Child Care Partnership.


Russell G. (2007) Higher Education Academy (EScalate) to study the impact of social anxiety on student learning and well-being. (£1,000)

Russell G. (2007) University of Plymouth/GlaxoSmithKlein funding to develop a web-based information platform (iHUB) for students with social anxiety. (£15,000)


Sheaff R. Lead applicant and lead investigator. Evaluation of infant mental health services. £15k. Plymouth PCT.

NEW COMMISSIONED RESEARCH WORK AND CONSULTANCY
Sheaff R. Co-applicant. Improving emergency care pathways: Right care, right place, right time? Dorset Acute Trust and PCT.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED
Cattani A. (2007) British Psychological Society, Developmental Psychology Section, Annual Conference, University of Plymouth. (Member of organising committee).


Lea SJ. Placement Learning Double Bill (joint conference with the European Thematic Network for Dietetics and the Faculty of Health and Social Work’s School of Health Professions), 6-7 September, Centre for Excellence in Professional Placement Learning, University of Plymouth, Plymouth.

Lea SJ. Rethinking Interprofessional Education and Development, 8-9 October, Centre for Excellence in Professional Placement Learning, University of Plymouth, Plymouth.


POSITIONS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES
Chung MC. Editor-in-chief of Open Geriatric Medicine Journal
Chung MC. Member of editorial board of the Irish Journal of Psychology.

Chung MC. Managing Editor of History and Philosophy of Psychology, published by the British Psychological Society: History and Philosophy of Psychology Section.

Chung MC. Committee member of the British Psychological Society (BPS) Standing Conference Committee.

Chung MC. Committee member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists: Philosophy Group.

Gilbert T. British Sociological Association


Lea SJ. Editorial Board of the International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Reid FJM. Editorial Board, CoDesign: The International Journal of CoCreation in Design and the Arts


Sheaff R. Visiting Professor, National School of Public Health, Lisbon.

Sheaff R. Member, NHS-SDO Commissioning Group on Service Commissioning and Diverse Providers.

Wallace S. Expert peer reviewer, Medicines Concordance: Guideline Development Group, National Collaborating Centre for Primary Care, Royal College of General Practitioners, 2007-

EXTERNAL EXAMINING FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

Gilbert T. PhD examination: External examiner for PhD Candidate: University of London (February 2007).

Sheaff R. External examiner, MSc in Health Services Management, Trinity College University of Dublin.


Wallace S. Masters & Doctoral Dissertations (University of Melbourne, Deakin University, Bournemouth University)
Wallace S.  (Postgraduate Medical Education) Staffordshire University

RESEARCH DEGREES AWARDED
Chung MC.  Xu Wang. PhD. University of Plymouth.
AUTHORED BOOKS

BOOK CHAPTERS


REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cotton DRE and Gresty KA. The rhetoric and reality of e-learning: using the think aloud method to evaluate an online resource. Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education 32 (5) pp 583-600. (DOI: 10.1080/02602930601116920)


Paton J, Stenhouse E, Jones RB and Bruce G. Custom-made total contact insoles versus prefabricated diabetic insoles: a case report. *Diabetic Medicine* Vol. 24; Supplement 1 April 2007; p 9 ISSN 0742 3071 (print) ISSN 1464 5491 (online).


CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Collard KJ. Measurement of physiologically available iron in plasma by HPLC following sample preparation by ultrafiltration or solid phase extraction. Proc Nutr Soc 2007; 66: 17A.


McMullan M. International Association of Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) Conference, Norway. (Invited symposium speaker).


OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Sheaff W, Hooper L, Stenhouse E, Woodcock Ross J, Dewdney-York R, Farrand P and Clibbens J. Redesign of Infant Mental Health Services in Plymouth. This study was funded partly from NHS-SDO research project NR89/SDO104 and partly by Plymouth Primary Care Trust 11/2006 – 05/2007.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED
Gresty K. The University of Plymouth VC’s Teaching & Learning Conference (July 2007), Steering Group Member.

POSITIONS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES
Freeman JA. Member of the Editorial Board of Multiple Sclerosis, 2006 ongoing.

Freeman JA. Member of the Advisory Board Physiotherapy Research International.

Freeman JA. Member of Grant Review Panel, MS Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Freeman JA. Physiotherapy Advisor, MS Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.


Marsden JF. Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scientific Panel.

McMullan M. Editorial board member of the Educational Research and Reviews Journal.


EXTERNAL EXAMINING FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREES
Freeman JA. External Examiner for PhD awarded to Clarissa Martin at Melbourne University, Australia.

RESEARCH DEGREES AWARDED
Freeman JA. Director of Studies for completion of PhD Student (Dr Jane Grose) December 2007.

Marsden JF. PhD Gita Ramdharry University College London.
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

EDITED BOOKS


BOOK CHAPTERS


REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES


**CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS**


Endacott R. Dignity in ICU European Society of Intensive Care Medicine 20th Annual Congress Berlin, 7-10 October.


Pace E, Barton A, Dennison S, **Morris J**, Pritchard C and Rule S. A Study to Compare Patient Satisfaction with Location of Chemotherapy: Community Hospital versus Cancer Centre. 2007. ECCO14 Conference, Barcelona.

**Morris J** and **Maynard V**. The Feasibility of Introducing an Evidence Based Practice Cycle into a Clinical Area: An Evaluation of Process and Outcome. 2007. 4th International Conference of Evidence-Based Health Care Teachers & Developers, Sicily.


Richardson J. The 2007 International Nursing Research Conference, Dundee 1st – 4th May, three posters:
- Complementary and alternative medicine in diabetes: the evidence base (with Stenhouse, Pilkington, Kirkwood)
- Assessing the evidence for the effectiveness of complementary therapies in life-limiting conditions (with Pilkington)
- Examining the complexity of the nurse and allied health professional role (with Humphreys, Stenhouse).

Richardson J. Plymouth Teaching PCT (July 2007) Poster: Developing and evidence-based information service on complementary therapies for people affected by cancer using a knowledge transfer partnership (with Breckons, Jones, Morris).

Richardson J. Richardson R (November 2007) Invited Keynote at the annual IN-Cam conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada: The challenges of providing evidence-informed information on complementary therapies to people with healthcare needs.


OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS


Kamel Boulos MN. *A sense of security* - Interview by 'The Engineer' magazine about CAALYX (30 January 2007) - [http://www.theengineer.co.uk/Articles/297967/A+sense+of+security.htm](http://www.theengineer.co.uk/Articles/297967/A+sense+of+security.htm)

Kamel Boulos MN. *Sex Education Arrives in Second Life* - *Chronicle of Higher Education* (USA) - 27 July 2007: news item about a Second Life Sexual Health project led by Dr Boulos at the University of Plymouth, UK, and involving two other academics/co-investigators from the University of Plymouth and from Thomas Jefferson University, USA.


Woodward V. Internal reports x 7 for Department of Health for National Service Framework for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (NSF for COPD) – reviews of the literature.
NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Endacott R, Cooper S, Sheaff R. West Dorset NHS Trust £84,992: Re-defining emergency care to reduce hospital admissions.

Endacott R, Sheaff R. Jones R. Burdett Trust for Nursing. £49,000 Factors associated with clinical focus in NHS Trust Boards.

ESRC Hennessy, Jones Giarchi Opera preparatory network


Kamel Boulos MN (Lead Investigator), Toth-Cohen S (Jefferson College of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson University, USA). A ‘Sexual Health’ Public Education and Outreach SIM in Second Life (Funded by SLEducationUK.net - a 1760 m2 Second Life land was granted on 9 July 2007 until 31 July 2008 - visit project Web site, also funded by SLEducationUK.net, at http://www.sl-sexualhealth.org.uk/).


Pooler J, Hennessy C and Wade M. Commissioned by Plymouth Teaching Primary Care Trust Public Health Development Unit to conduct a scoping and sustainability risk assessment exercise of community public health Initiatives (2007). £1000.00.

Richardson J (PI) Jones R, Morris J. Knowledge Transfer Partnership (DTI / ESRC), £149,000 awarded November 2006, project started January 2007.


Woodward V Department of Health £30,000. Coordination of Evidence for NSF for COPD (with Dr Rupert Jones, Peninsular College of Medicine & Dentistry).
NEW COMMISSIONED RESEARCH WORK AND CONSULTANCY


Kamel Boulos MN. Consultancy for KADRIS Consultants, Paris, France, acting on behalf of la Caisse des Dépôts - http://www.caissedesdepots.fr/ (French study on assisted living for elderly people - September/October 2007); value: £1,400.00 (Phase 1 completed and submitted; Phase 2 and payment for Phase 1 awaiting KADRIS’ action).


Williamson GR. Evaluating the Implementation of Placement Development Teams in the South West Peninsula. CEPPL funded project. Commenced Sept 20076 with Heath V and Callaghan L.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Richardson J. Organised and hosted the second meeting of the International Collaboration on Complementary Therapy Resources: http://www.iccrinfo.info/ which took place in Dartington Hall in December 2007.


Woodward V. RCN International Annual Nursing Research Conference, Dundee, May 2007 (member of organising committee).

POSITIONS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES
Endacott R. Trustee/Director, British Lung Foundation.

Endacott R. Member of Council and Executive Committee, Chair of Nursing & AHP section, European Society of Intensive Care Medicine.

Jones R. Academic Advisory Board for NHS Choices.

Kamel Boulos MN. Editor of the NHS Informatics SIG on Geographic Information Systems (UK Health). [http://www.espace.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/groups/geographic_information_systems](http://www.espace.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/groups/geographic_information_systems)


Kamel Boulos MN. Member of the Soundshealthy SoundingBoard. [http://www.soundshealthy.org/](http://www.soundshealthy.org/)

Kamel Boulos MN. Member of the Editorial Board of *RECIIS – Electronic Journal in Communication, Information and Innovation in Health*, published by the Center of Scientific and Technology Information (Centro de Informação Científica e Tecnológica – CICT) of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), the main Brazilian public institute of research in health. [http://www.reciis.cict.fiocruz.br/](http://www.reciis.cict.fiocruz.br/)


Kamel Boulos MN. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Kamel Boulos MN. Member of the UK Health Informatics Society (UKHiS).


Kamel Boulos MN. Registered specialist member of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate (Dar al Hikmah) and Member of the Egyptian Society of Dermatology and Venereology.

Richardson J. Member of the Project Team and Editorial Board of the National Library for Health Complementary and Alternative Therapy Specialist Library: [http://www.library.nhs.uk/cam](http://www.library.nhs.uk/cam)

Richardson J. Founder member of the International Collaboration on Complementary Therapy Resources: [http://www.iccrinfo.info/](http://www.iccrinfo.info/)

Richardson J. Associate Editor: Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine Research on Paradigm, Practice, and Policy.

Skirton H. Reviewer for research grant applications for the Department of Health (England), the Medical Research Council of South Africa, the Northern Ireland
Research and Development Directorate and the International Society of Nurses in Genetics.

Skirton H. Member of the Editorial Board of two journals (*Journal of Advanced Nursing* and *Nursing and Health Sciences*). In 2007 invited to edit a special focus on genetics for the *Journal of Research in Nursing*.

Skirton H. Current positions on national and international bodies
- Member of the Education Committee of the European Society for Human Genetics.
- Co-Chair of the Genetic Nurses and Counsellors Sub-committee of the European Society of Human Genetics.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Health funded National Genetics Education and Development Centre.
- Member (representing the Higher Education sector) of the UK Genetic Counsellor Registration Board.
- Member of the Genetic Counsellor Training Panel, for the Department of Health.
- Chair of the Nominations Committee of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics.

Williamson GR. International Scientific Advisory Panel member for the Royal College of Nursing annual international nursing research conference in 2007 and 2008.


Woodward V. Member of Department of Health National Service Framework for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (NSF COPD) External Reference Group and of all six Working Groups (Acute Care/ Chronic Care & End of Life/ Prevention & Awareness/ Screening & Detection/ Patient-focused Outcomes/ Medicines, Devices & Interventions).

Woodward V. Member of RCN Research Society Committee (national elections, elected in 2006).

Woodward V. Member of national Higher Education Joint Liaison Committee for Health Educators.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINING FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREES**

Endacott R. PhD examination: University of Melbourne, Deakin University, University of Technology, Sydney.

Jones R. External Examiner (MD), Vamsi Velchuru, University of East Anglia Internal Examiner (PhD), Katje Boehm, University of Plymouth.
Kamel Boulos MN. External Examiner for the MSc in Health Informatics at University of Winchester (January 2006 - December 2009).

Kamel Boulos MN. Second examiner (for some taught units) and MSc project supervisions, MSc in Healthcare Informatics, University of Bath (2006, 2007, 2008 ongoing).

Kelsey J. External examiner Edge Hill University MSc Integrated Children’s & Young People’s Services.

Skirton H. External examiner for MSc in Genetic Counselling, Cardiff University.

Woodward V. External examiner for MSc Interprofessional Health & Social Care pathway, Canterbury Christ Church University September 2007 - September 2011.

**RESEARCH DEGREES AWARDED**

**Endacott R.** PhD Dr Jan Pascal, La Trobe University. *The lived experience of cancer survival: Heideggerian perspectives.*

**Jones R.** Jane Grose: Exploring the relationship between people with MS and their confidants. (Advisory role: Main Supervisors Heather Skirton, Jenny Freeman).

**Jones R.** Sue Richardson: The challenge of inter-agency information sharing: a systemic analysis of two Sure Start Children’s Centres (co-supervisor: Director of Studies, Sheena Asthana)

**Richardson J.** Supervision of Karen Pilkington (University of Westminster) PhD by publication awarded July 2007 *Reviewing the evidence on complementary therapies: with special reference to anxiety and depression.*

**Skirton H.** Two doctoral students (Nicholls, Grose) successfully completed and were awarded their doctorates in 2007.