

Our Mission

All staff in the Health and Social Care Institute (HSCI) aim to maintain an environment in which cutting-edge and impact-driven research is promoted, supported and developed. All staff aim to initiate and complete multi- and interdisciplinary research projects in partnership with other internal research groups and external bodies. Key elements of HSCI activity are acquisition of external research funding and high quality peer-reviewed publications, which impact on policy, practice and procedures in Health and Social Care.

Our Values

The Institute has a strong emphasis on the translation of evidence into policy and practice. Our ethos is inclusive, nurturing, informal and multidisciplinary. Our priority is to undertake research which has the potential to advance health and social work practice and contribute to health improvement nationally and internationally.

Research Strategy Key Points (2014-2020)

- To prioritise the publication of potentially highly-cited research outputs in peer-reviewed journals.
- To prioritise the publication of at least four outputs per FTE, which have clear potential for impact on policy, practice and procedures in health and social care.
- To raise the Institute's profile for undertaking research that is, at least, internationally-excellent in terms of originality, significance and rigour.
- To acquire research funding from as many different organisations and levels as possible, ranging from local grants for evaluation studies or consultations that drive local impact, up to large and longer-term interdisciplinary grants for sustained programmes of research.
- To maintain the dynamic culture and environment of the Institute so that all staff, especially early stage researchers, are given developmental opportunities to enhance their careers in research.
- To increase the level of post-graduate training in the Institute, through mentoring, journal clubs, individualised training packages and seminars.
- To promote research partnerships between the Institute, the NHS, local authorities, charities and voluntary associations.
- To intensify and broaden our network of research collaborations nationally and internationally.
- To explore all possible opportunities for collaboration with business, charities, community and patient groups, service users, professional associations, government and policy makers and research councils.
- To publicise and promote relevant and timely research from HSCI through the media.