

VALE OF LEVEN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In commemoration of those who died as a result of the
C. difficile outbreak at the Vale of Leven Hospital

An opportunity has arisen for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in Scotland to apply for support for research activity that aims to **make improvement(s) to patient care in line with recommendations of the** Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry Report 2014.

www.valeoflevenhospitalinquiry.org

The report consists of 75 recommendations covering the following broad areas:

- National structures and systems
- Changes in services/service re-organisation
- Communication and record keeping
- Experiences of patients and relatives
- Antibiotic prescribing
- Infection prevention and control
- Experiences of *C. difficile* infection
- National policies and guidance
- Leadership and management
- Clinical governance
- Nursing care
- Medical care
- Death certification

The Scholarship Scheme consists of three types of award:

- **Part-time Research Fellowship to undertake** a small scale research study. Funding is available up to the equivalent of NHS Band 6 0.5 WTE for 4 months.
- **Education and Travel Scholarship to** fund travel out-with Scotland where there are opportunities to learn from others in areas raised within the VOLH Inquiry Report.
- **Implementation Science Scholarship to** fund evidence based implementation/improvement studies in areas of patient care identified in the VOLH Inquiry Report. Funding is available up to the equivalent of NHS Band 6 0.5 WTE for 4 months.

Successful applicants will be expected to share their findings, learning and best practice with their peers and across Scotland and this will be seen as an integral part of the award process.

Applicants must • have previous research experience (Masters in Research, PhD, Clinical Doctorate, **OR** similar substantial research experience) • be currently employment in the NHS or in a HEI in Scotland • have a supporting NHS or HEI prepared to administer and account for the funding received • be able to demonstrate current availability of time for research.

Registered NMAHPs living in Scotland but not currently employed by the NHS or a HEI may be considered **if** the necessary HEI/NHS supporting framework is in place prior to application.

An application form and guidance is available on the NMAHP Research Unit website:
www.nmahp-ru.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is 31st May, 2018.

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