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**INFORMATION**

**for**

**NURSES AND MIDWIVES UNDERTAKING RESEARCH**

## This information is for NHS GGC nurses and midwives undertaking Masters dissertations and other research studies. If you are being funded by NHS GGC, it is essential that you follow this guidance. If you are self-funding, you are encouraged to seek support in the same way in order to make your research as useful as possible to patient care and service delivery, though this is not mandatory.

As part of the NHS GGC Nursing and Midwifery Research Strategy, a Research Group has been set up in each clinical area/ sector/ directorate to lead, support and co-ordinate research activity. You should contact the lead of your Research Group at an early stage of your Masters programme.

The Research Group will:

* provide you with information about the research priorities for the clinical area. All NHS GGC nursing and midwifery research should align with the NHS Scotland Healthcare Quality Strategy – ***safe, effective, patient-centred care*** with more specific priorities being determined for each clinical area.
* help you to select a research topic which fits with these priorities and also with your own specific clinical role and interests
* ensure that, where appropriate, your research builds on previous NHS GGC studies to create a critical mass of research in selected priority areas
* ensure that your research findings are celebrated and discussed with practitioners, managers and professional leaders to determine if there are implications for patient care and service delivery
* support you to publish your research in journals and to present at relevant conferences

The Research Group will appoint a mentor who will offer one-to-one support at each stage of the research process.

If you have difficulty identifying the appropriate Clinical Area Research Group or contacting the Research Lead, or have any other queries, please contact Dr Rhona Hogg, Clinical Nurse Lead for Applied Research and Development ([Rhona.Hogg@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Rhona.Hogg@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)).

Check out the [NHS GGC Nursing and Midwifery Research webpages](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/professional-support-sites/nursing-midwifery/research/) for information about sources of funding, training opportunities and other resources to support your research activities.

**MASTERS DEGREE DISSERTATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH**

**Student/ Researcher details:**

Name:

Job title:

Clinical area:

Sector/ Directorate/ CHP:

e-mail:

Title of Masters degree, e.g, Masters in Primary Care:

HEI:

**Dissertation/ research study details:**

Provisional title:

Rationale for study in relation to research priorities of clinical area:

Short description of proposed study:

**Research Group supporting student**:

**Mentor (Name, post):**