

Academy of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Research (UK)

The Academy of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Research was launched in February 2009. It was developed from the nursing, health visiting and midwifery research collaborative of which CPHVA was a founding member, and which was active from 2003 – 2009 when the Academy was launched. The Academy has been established as a collaborative enterprise by the Royal College of Nursing, UNITE/CPHVA and the Royal College of Midwives in partnership with:

- The Council of Deans for Health, the Nurse Directors group of the Association of UK University Hospitals
- The Association for Leaders in Nursing, the Queen's Nursing Institute
- Mental Health Nurse Academics UK
- The UK Clinical Research Facility Network and Nurses in Primary Care Research

The Academy Chair is Professor Tony Butterworth and the Vice Chair, Professor Pauline Pearson from the UNITE/CPHVA.

The Academy aims to be an expert collaborative voice for all aspects of research involving nursing, midwifery and health visiting in the UK, including policy development, its implementation and evaluation through negotiation and dialogue with other key stakeholders.

The current work programmes include:

- **A Mentorship programme currently funded by the Health Foundation.** The intention that provision of trained mentors will help budding clinical researchers embrace careers in research.
- **Service and Research:** An action agenda to explore key areas where service and academics can best focus their research is actively being developed. The first phase of this work includes the generation of an agreed list of research questions for the academy to pursue. First they will be passed by service users.
- **Developing health improvement research:** This will be through joint working with the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement. The Academy hopes to acquire funding to fund a number of innovation fellowships.
- **Research leadership and capacity:** The focus of this work stream is to assist the next generation of research leaders to enhance their skills in capability development and practice-based research.
- **Partnerships with industry:** It is hoped through this partnership the professions understanding and capability to work with industry partners will be better understood.

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