

**Job Description**

**Senior Research Associate (NIHR Decision Support in Gynae Radiotherapy)**

**Vacancy Ref: 0570-24**

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| **Job Title:** Senior Research Associate | **Present Grade:** 7 |
| **Department/College:** Lancaster Medical School, Faculty of Health and Medicine |
| **Other contacts**  |
| **Internal:**Dr Lisa Ashmore, Dr Hilary Stewart. Members of staff within Lancaster medical School, Faculty and University. **External:** To work in partnership with Dr Emily Holmes (Bangor University), Daniel Hutton (Christie NHS Foundation Trust), other members of the research team and other key stakeholders, including people affected by cancer and other academic, clinical and policy/practice links. |
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| **Major Duties:**To assist in developing infrastructures for supporting decision making for radiotherapy for gynaecological cancers. This will include:1. Taking responsibility for designing, distributing and analysing an electronic survey to understand current models and methods for shared decision-making during consent for radiotherapy for gynaecological cancer as part of a project team and under supervision.
2. Recruiting co-designers and maintaining relationships with a multiprofessional co-design team including clinicians, service managers, allied health professionals, patients, charity representatives, carers, charities and organisations working with people with lived experience of cancer, including people with protected characteristics, from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

With supervision, the key activities of the Senior Research Associate are to: * Maintaining record systems for the project.
* Following ethical principles in the research.
* Lead on the design, collection and analysis of the survey data.
* Assisting in the organisation, conduct and information gathering of the survey.
* Conduct analysis of key documents and policies to understand current consent practices.
* Attending meetings and engaging with the project team and wider project partners.
* Ensuring identified data handling processes are followed.
* Preparing regular update information on the research for other work packages and partners.
* Recruiting co-designers for co-design workshops
* Making a major contribution to the preparation of interim reports.
* Assisting in the preparation and presentation of a publication for peer reviewed journals.
* Supporting the project to team to ensure that people from diverse backgrounds are recruited and supported to be active co-designers
* Contribute to other work package 4 activities as necessary which could include supporting co-design workshops

Additional responsibilities:To attend meetings specific to the project and general meetings including: * Regular internal and external project meetings
* Relevant internal meetings of Lancaster Medical School and Faculty of Health and Medicine at Lancaster University
* To attend training specific to the project and undertake research in the relevant fields.
* Undertake any other duties as required by Head of Division or nominated representative.
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