**Job Title:** Research Associate

**Present Grade:** 6

**Department/College:** Division of Health Research

**Directly responsible to:** Professor Nancy Preston

**Supervisory responsibility for:** N/A

## Other contacts

**Internal:**
International Observatory on End of Life Care team; staff within the Division, Faculty and University.

**External:**
Palliative Sedation consortium members, local, national and international government organizations, INGOs, professional bodies, academic and research networks

## Major Duties:

To assist in the conduct, as part of a project team and under supervision, of a research project funded by the European Commission Horizon 2020 Programme ‘**Palliative Sedation’ - The use of proportional palliative sedation for the relief of refractory symptoms: an international multicentre study (2019-2023)**. Under the supervision of the consortium partners, the key activities of the Research Associate are as follows.

- **To assist with UK arm of international study:**
  - Preparing ethical approval documents
  - Liaison with research sites
  - Recruitment of participants
  - Preparing and conducting focus groups and interviews
  - Data collection and data management

- **To assist in the collation and preparation of the information gained throughout the research project, as part of a work package to develop an online educational programme for palliative sedation including:**
  - Development of an online e-learning resource
  - Implementation of a Massive open online course (MOOC)
  - Liaising with Consortium members to assist producing online education
  - Assisting in the preparation of project website, social media outputs, blogs, online course, reports and other publications.

- **To attend meetings specific to the project and general meetings within the Universities, including:**
  - Maintaining record systems for the project
  - Regular project meetings at Lancaster University
  - Meetings of the project consortium and specific work packages in Europe
  - Relevant internal meetings of the International Observatory on End of Life Care, Division of Health Research and Faculty of Health & Medicine at Lancaster University

- **To attend training specific to the project and engage in research in the field of cancer, supportive, palliative and end-of-life care in a European context.**

- **Any other duties commensurate with the post as determined by Head of Division, WP7 lead or nominated representative.**