# JOB DESCRIPTION

**Vacancy Ref:** A3234

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<td>Department/College:</td>
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<td>Directly responsible to:</td>
<td>Dr Jennifer Logue</td>
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**Other contacts**

- **Internal:**
- **External:**
  - Prof Olivia Wu, University of Glasgow
  - Prof Sharon Simpson, University of Glasgow
  - Prof Louisa Ellis, Leeds Beckett University
  - Prof Alison Avenell, Aberdeen University
  - Dr Ruth MacKenzie, University of Glasgow
  - Various local authority, NHS and commercial weight management services across the UK.

**Main purpose of the job:**

The post holder will develop a research profile through the conduct and dissemination of finding to meet the aims of the BEhavioural Weight Management: COMponents of Effectiveness (BE:COME), funded by the Health Technology Assessment Programme of the National Institute for Health Research. This is an evidence synthesis study using real-world data and novel network meta-analysis to determine which individual components of behavioural weight management programmes are associated with greater attendance, intervention completion, and weight loss. The post holder will be considered the central person in this project, leading governance approvals, directly liaising with weight management services, collecting data and working closely with the analytical team at the University of Glasgow to ensure the analysis and outputs are clinically relevant.

**Major Duties:**

1. Plan and manage own research activities and priorities to meet project targets.
2. Take the lead role for site recruitment, questionnaires, surveys, interviews, data transfer, workshops, project team, patient and steering group meetings.
3. Conduct qualitative interviews and administer questionnaires to weight management staff; record and securely manage materials resulting. This may involve travel to weight management centres.
4. In collaboration with statistical staff at the University of Glasgow, and the study expert advisory group, develop the detailed analytical plan for the study.
5. Analyse and synthesise data obtained from weight management services with respect to their service provision.
6. Lead the development of applications for governance approvals across a range of organisation types, including NHS, local authority and commercial.
7. Act as the main point of contact for the research funder and sponsor, and lead the writing of regular milestones update reports.
8. To take a leading role in the scientific publication and presentation of research findings, including the final report, with proper credit.

9. Contribute to the development of further related funding bids/ lead the development of own funding bids

10. Co-supervise undergraduate or postgraduate student projects where relevant to the project.

11. Undertake other activities contributing to the success of the project, appropriate to experience and expertise, as directed by the PI Dr Logue