

## Editorial

We are delighted to welcome you to our new journal, the Journal of New Writing in Health and Social Care. This is a peer reviewed journal that will strive to combine research and academic excellence with professional relevance. It has been launched with a twofold aim: first to disseminate the health and social care related research and scholarly work of staff and students within the Faculty of Health Sciences, Staffordshire University and beyond; second, to provide encouragement and an opportunity for new researchers to publish following a supportive but rigorous peer review process.

This is the journal's first issue and is aimed at promoting and sustaining a research culture amongst practitioners in higher education who have an active interest in health and social care. The journal is inter-disciplinary in approach and accepts papers of original research or contributions to the existing literature on health and social care related research. Interviews with key individuals influential within HE and health and social care will also be a feature of the journal. Readers may occasionally see some pieces of aesthetic literature such as poems that are inspired by a health or social care issue. Postgraduate and undergraduate students are also welcome to submit work that meets the aims and scope of the journal, whilst cooperation and supervision by their tutor is highly encouraged.

We hope that this Journal will provide a sound basis for HE colleagues and associates, students and all health and social care providers, and will inspire some to develop, further their own interest, knowledge and understanding of the growing and increasingly important research within the field of health and social care.

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