

Review of 2009



This was an excellent year for the Faculty of Health with many notable successes, some of which are outlined below.

Students: July provided a somewhat inclement day for our Award Ceremony but it did not dampen spirits and we saw the graduation of the Faculty's first Paramedic students.

There were excellent results obtained in the National Student Survey, with students consistently rating their experience of our Nursing and Sports awards higher than the sector average. Endowment funds enabled us to award 15 prizes for student achievement to students from across the Faculty. Recruitment onto our courses was buoyant and attendance at Open Days was up throughout the year.

Research and Enterprise: Two Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) were established in Sport and Exercise. The RAE results indicated that in Sport and Exercise 60% of research is internationally excellent. We have also been successful with a range of bids for projects such as that to deliver the Care Pathway Group initiative for NHS West Midlands relating to Dementia.

Learning and Teaching: In September 2009 new and exciting courses commenced - Sports Therapy, PE and Youth Sport Coaching and the Health Informatics route of the Masters in Public Health (MPH). The autumn of 2009 also saw the start of the first Assistant Practitioner programmes at Foundation Degree level, the start of the Newly Qualified Social Worker (NQSW) Programme (the only one in England in conjunction with an HEI), and the continued growth of the Post Qualifying awards in Social Work. All delivered in collaboration with key partners.

Partners: The Inter-Professional Learning Event where all pre-qualifying health and social work students explored issues related to care delivery alongside service users and carers, clinical staff and the academic team was very well received. There was a positive review of pre-qualifying health professions education provision undertaken by the Strategic Health Authority with comments being made on the high standard of partnership working and documentation produced. The GSCC Annual Report which focuses on our pre-qualifying Social Work award was also very positive. We have begun working with a number of overseas institutions establishing agreements to enable student and tutor mobility giving a more global perspective to our work.

Staff: All this and more achieved through the range of excellent staff in the Faculty and not forgetting our supporting university services. Staff have also developed and improved the processes to support all this work as well as completing various personal development opportunities and qualifications, publishing, making conference presentations, completing PhDs and all sorts of other achievements.

Best wishes to you all for a successful 2010.

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Hilary Jones
Dean of the Faculty of Health

Progress

The last few months have seen a number of events happening across the Faculty which many of you have contributed to, so thank you again for all your ongoing support.

October

Neil Carr OBE, Chief Executive, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and colleagues, gave a *Masterclass on Changing Cultures: creating positive change in health and social care services*. Neil Carr described the territory in which the service is now operating, including the regulatory regime and market forces.

In response to the continued commitment to supporting and developing undergraduate social workers' practice and professional development, the teaching team across the programme area for social work and advice work facilitated a *seminar led by MP David Kidney*. David spoke to the BA Social Work Students on current government thinking for improving services for Young People in and leaving care. The seminar had been arranged to coincide with the Quality Matters Agenda and Every Child Matters Change for Children programme that is aiming to raise the outcomes and aspirations for Young People.

Penny Shuttleworth, Strategic Workforce Manager for the *'Fit for the Future Project'* at NHS North Staffordshire, gave a series of presentations about this project across the Faculty. Thirty-one members of staff attended the various presentations and this was a welcome opportunity for staff in the Faculty to understand the implications of this ambitious programme for our students and partners.

November

Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise, Gary Lowe together with his wife recently received a joint *award from HRH The Princess Royal* for outstanding commitment and contribution to the sport of sailing. Gary and his wife have committed much of their time to developing a training and coaching programme for juniors and adults resulting in the development of both mass participation and elite performance. Their Cheshire based training centre currently has a number of youngsters in regional and national squads, with a junior member taking both national and world champion titles in the same year. Although the work is voluntary, the University has always been supportive of Gary's coaching and community sport work, recognising the mutual benefit to both the University and the Community. Gary believes that the community work gives authenticity to his teaching of community sport issues, stating that "I believe it really is important for the students to know that you are actually out there doing it and not just preaching from books and journals...it's a case of practice what you teach."

Staffordshire University programme area for Social Work and Advice Work have been working with Staffordshire County Council Children and Family Services to develop an *Inspirational Leadership and Management in Safeguarding and Protecting Vulnerable Children* module. It is anticipated that the module will form part of a new Leadership and Management Award in Vulnerable Children and Families Services combined with professional body accreditation.

December

Sport and Exercise ran an interactive workshop for Staffordshire County Council's *14-19 Partnerships School Improvement Division*. PE teachers, Advisors and Diploma 'Leads' enjoyed an afternoon of presentations, laboratory demonstrations, discussion and an opportunity to network. Colin Davison (Staffordshire County Council, School Improvement Division) said that he and his colleagues had found the day to be 'very enjoyable and thoroughly informative'. Sport and Exercise are now in discussions to identify how to further support the 14-19 Diploma in Stafford and Stoke.

Social Work and Advice Work had the pleasure of welcoming Ged Rowney, Director of Children and Young People's Services, Stoke-on-Trent City Council. Ged and Lee Parry-Mclaughlin, Senior Lecturer, facilitated a workshop for social workers undertaking their post qualifying award focusing on the *regional and national agenda for more joined up working across the Vulnerable Children and Young People's Workforce*. The session enabled practitioners to consider both the policy and practice agenda, sharing new thinking and service improvements within their roles.

Dates for your diaries

HEalth Factor 10

Following the success of **HEalth Factor 08** and **09** we are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for **HEalth Factor 10**. This year we have extended the period of **HEalth Factor** to be able to include a wider range of events. The theme this year will be 'Healthy Communities'. The event will run from **14 April – 30 April 2010** and provides an ideal opportunity for networking and updating on trends and developments. Brief details are provided below and further information is available on the website www.staffs.ac.uk/healthfactor10

Many of our events are open to members of the public, colleagues from partner organisations and Staffordshire University students and staff. Full details of events running during this week may be viewed by visiting www.staffs.ac.uk/healthfactor10 which has the facility to register or confirm attendance at any of the events. Healthypartnerships@staffs.ac.uk

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Programme of Confirmed Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 14 April – Friday 30 April 2010	24 hours	Ning – Online Social Networks available for you to join in the debates	Ongoing on-line discussion group
Friday 16 April 2010	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Healthcare Careers Update – find out about the move to all degree nursing and much more	Shrewsbury
Friday 16 April 2010	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Organic Garden – Open Day	Stoke
Friday 16 & Saturday 17 April 2010	All Day	Biomechanics Conference	Stoke
Wednesday 21 April 2010	5.00 – 7.00 pm	Inaugural Lecture – Professor Tony Stewart <i>'Lifting the fog – bringing clarity to public health'</i>	Stoke <i>Invitation only</i>
Thursday 22 April 2010	6.00 – 7.00 pm	Basil Ashford Memorial Lecture – Alan Wiley <i>'Experiences of Working as a Professional Football Referee'</i>	Stoke
Saturday 24 April 2010	10.00 am – 5.00 pm	Sexual Health (GUNA) Conference - 'Education and Training'	Stafford
Monday 26 April 2010	12.30 – 1.30 pm	Presentation of PhD Thesis - Dr Jill McDonald <i>'Beyond Professional Boundaries: the reflective practitioner, identity and emotional labour in social work'</i>	Stoke
Monday 26 April 2010	5.00 – 7.00 pm	Inaugural Lecture – Professor Eleanor Bradley <i>'Integrating Research and Practice in the NHS'</i>	Stafford <i>Invitation only</i>
Tuesday 27 April 2010	All Day	<i>'Walking in the Footsteps of Young People'</i> - Presentation of a Research in Teaching Project	Stafford
Wednesday 28 April 2010	All Day	International Conference on Ageing and HIV with the Terrance Higgins Trust	Stafford
Friday 30 April 2010	1.00 - 2.30 pm	'Theory and Practice of Health Promotion on a Lichfield Housing Estate'	Stafford

Challenging Ideas Series – Dr Aubrey De Grey

As part of the Faculty of Health's Challenging Ideas Series, Dr Aubrey De Grey PhD will be delivering a talk: *Prospects of Defeating Ageing Altogether* on 23 March 2010 at the Ruxton Technology Centre, Beaconside, Stafford, starting at 6.00 pm. Dr De Grey is an author and theoretician in the field of gerontology, and works on the development of what he has termed 'Strategies for Engineering Negligible Senescence' (SENS). He is Chief Science Officer of the SENS Foundation and editor-in-chief of the academic journal Rejuvenation Research. For further details and booking a place please contact Elaine Stanway on 01785 353742, e.stanway@staffs.ac.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer

Staffordshire University is hosting a service on Friday 5 March 2010, 2.00 to 3.00 pm, at the Ruxton Technology Centre, Beaconside, Stafford, as part of the Women's World Day of Prayer. All are welcome – men, women and young people. On this day 3 million women worldwide will be praying and worshipping together – across the British Isles there will be over 6,000 prayer services, bringing together women, men and young people from every background and a very wide range of Christian traditions. If you would like to attend this service, please contact Elaine Stanway on 01785 353742, e.stanway@staffs.ac.uk

People

Aoife Healy



I have joined Staffordshire University as a KTP research associate on a project examining diabetic footwear. I am originally from Cork in Ireland. In 2006 I graduated from the University of Limerick with a BSc in Sports and Exercise Science. Following this I completed an MSc in biomechanics at Dublin City University (DCU). On finishing my MSc I worked for a short period with the CLARITY research centre in DCU providing sport science support for the development of a visual feedback display for golfers. I have a keen interest in fitness with qualifications in strength and conditioning and weightlifting and I enjoy playing basketball, running and swimming. a.healy@staffs.ac.uk

Jacqui Mason

I took up post on 2 November as Senior Lecturer (Emergency Care Nursing) and my base is Blackheath Lane. Prior to commencing in this post I had worked in the NHS since the early 1980's when I began my career in mental health nursing before undertaking further education in adult nursing and midwifery specialities. Since then I have held various posts at senior levels across mental health and acute care, including within the emergency care setting and project management. My last post was as a Senior Nurse within an Acute Foundation Trust where I led the origination of the Practice and Professional Development Team. I am now looking forward to this exciting and challenging role. On a personal note I love travelling and spending time in or on the warmer seas of this world. jacqui.mason@staffs.ac.uk



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