

Review of 2011

The start of a New Year always presents a great opportunity to look back and reflect over the previous year. It is encouraging to look back and be able to identify so many achievements for the Faculty of Health and the progress we have made in a range of areas.

2011 was a successful but challenging year for the Faculty of Health, our staff and our students. It was also an exciting time of change, and the coming year promises to be equally challenging. Below are just a few of the highlights.

Students: Two of our Sport and Exercise students represented England in the U19 Cricket World Cup in South Africa. One of our nursing students was named Stoke-on-Trent's learner of the year. The annual Award Ceremony at Trentham Gardens was notable in the fact we had sunshine all day! We again received excellent results in the National Student Survey, with some very high scores across all areas of the Faculty. The Faculty has remained in the top 5 in the Guardian League Tables, an independent survey, for nursing and paramedical subjects which is based on indicators around the student experience.

Research and Enterprise: The Faculty welcomed Fiona Irvine, Professor of Nursing, as its Head of Research and Scholarship at the beginning of the year. The Rapid Assessment and Interface Discharge (RAID) service, which is a collaborative project between 2 Trusts and Visiting Professor George Tadros from the Centre for Ageing and Mental Health, was awarded the Best Innovation in Mental Health at this year's Health Service Journal Awards. The Faculty also successfully secured an £800,000 European research project which aims to develop new footwear for sufferers of diabetes. A team of scientists, led by Professor of Biomechanics Nachi Chockalingam, will spend the next three years developing and testing the footwear which is intended to improve the lives of people with diabetes.

Learning and Teaching: We successfully validated a new award in Osteopathy this year, welcoming our first students onto the award in September. We also launched our new Professional Doctorate in Professional Studies. We had a very positive quality assurance result from the General Social Care Council in relation to our provision of Social Work education. The prescribing team received five commendations including excellent collaborative working with local Trusts following the NMC revalidation of the Faculty Non-Medical Prescribing programmes. The NMC reviewed Midwifery provision, and Practice Teacher and Teacher Preparation courses as part of its annual quality assurance monitoring and all areas reviewed were graded as good; an excellent result. We also had a positive outcome of the Mott MacDonald / NMC Annual Monitoring Review at Staffordshire University. This year the review was of Pre Registration Nursing (Adult and Child branch) and also District Nursing, across Shropshire and Staffordshire. Five different aspects were reviewed and each could have been graded as either: Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, Good or Outstanding. All five aspects at Staffordshire University and its partners have been graded as good.

Partners: We are very pleased to be working with a range of new partners across the Faculty this year including DEMSA (The Debt Managers Standards Association), Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and Stoke City Football Club. We continue to work positively with our many existing partners and were pleased to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Staffordshire County Council in October 2011. During Health Factor we welcomed some leading names in the field of competitive sport to support our 'Olympic Role Models' conference and worked with local schools to make this an enjoyable and successful event for youngsters in the region.

Staff: We have welcomed a number of new staff into the Faculty during the year all of whom are contributing to the success of the Faculty. Lesley Hayes has been awarded a Florence Nightingale Travel Scholarship to undertake research into self-neglect in later life. Keith Booles won the *Abracadabra Diabetes 2011 award: Clinical category* for a piece of work looking at diabetes care in prisons within the United Kingdom. Our Professor of Public Health, Tony Stewart, won first prize in the 'Basis of Medicine' category in the British Medical Association Medical Book Awards for his text, *Basic Statistics and Epidemiology: a Practical Guide. 3rd Edition*, published by Radcliffe Publishing of Oxford. These are just a few examples as all staff continue to undertake a range of personal development activities, publishing and making conference presentations as well as improve the student experience. As always none of these achievements would be possible without the commitment of all staff in the Faculty our supporting university services and support from the many partners we work with.

Linda Thompson
Faculty Director - Recruitment and Partnerships

Visit by General Secretary/Chief Executive of RCN

Hilary Jones was delighted that Dr Carter OBE, General Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), accepted her invitation to visit the Faculty. During the visit he met with nursing students, service users and carer representatives who contribute to programmes for nurses, as well as Faculty staff and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Paul Richards.

Dr Carter said: "My visit to Staffordshire University's Faculty of Health was very enjoyable and informative and I was impressed with the educators and some of the innovative projects being worked on which put the service users and carers at the heart of health services – something which should be replicated more widely. It was particularly heartening that the students, often out of earshot of educators, expressed a high degree of satisfaction with their training. RCN look forward to working with the University and believe it can be proud of its students. Equally, the University's partners in health can be satisfied of the high standards which are very much in evidence."



Dr Carter, with students: Alexis Mc Kenzie Slight, Alison Fox, Gemovaitė Kuliesiute, Lynn Harvey, Jason Fazackerley, Zaz Johnston, Alexis Long; and Hilary Jones, Dean of the Faculty of Health

Hilary commented: "His visit was a timely opportunity to discuss nurse education and to hear of the RCN's support for students and educators as well as practitioners. We were able to explain current challenges and clarify some matters of interest to Peter. It is clear that the RCN is engaged at a national level in debates related to the regulation of nursing and the current uncertainties about future commissioning of nurse education, which is very pleasing to hear."

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Developing the new Pre Registration BSc(Hons) Nursing Practice Curriculum for 2013

The Faculty of Health, BSc(Hons) Nursing Practice Adult/Child/Mental Health awards are due for validation in 2013 and we are embracing this opportunity to fully consider the direction which nursing will take in the next ten years. We are learning from current research and Governmental drivers, and ensuring we are developing a curriculum which will further empower and enable our students to care for people with a variety of complex needs, in a variety of settings including home, voluntary, private and hospital environments. Key stake holders in developing the programme include senior academics, clinical partners, students and service users.

The programme will fully encompass and ensure all of the competencies contained within the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Standards for Pre registration nursing education (2010) are achieved and that all aspects of the Staffordshire Graduate (a University charter to students) are wholly embedded, thus ensuring that our nurses of the future are able to fully participate and lead care in a global environment, whilst being unique Staffordshire University graduates. Engagement with employers will ensure our graduates have the knowledge skills and attributes that employers require of their future nursing workforce.

Students will undertake a three year BSc(Hons) Nursing Practice Programme specialising in either: Adult, Child or Mental Health nursing. The programme consists of 120 credits each year and students will benefit from both shared and interprofessional learning opportunities thus enabling our future health care work force to learn, with from and about each other (CAIPE, 2002). In addition students will have increasing opportunities to learn the expertise associated with their chosen field of nursing.

Within the programme students will be exposed to a wide variety of learning environments ensuring integration of learning in theory and practice, with 50% of their courses being delivered in the clinical environment. A variety of theoretical and practice learning with assessments will ensure a programme that supports a number of learning styles and needs, with equal weighting being given to the theory and practise elements of the course. This will help our students to demonstrate their ability to place care, compassion and dignity at the core of their nursing practice.

For more information about the new curriculum or to find out how to become involved in its development please contact Donna Wareham: d.m.wareham@staffs.ac.uk

References

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Successes

Florence Nightingale Travel Scholarship

Lesley Hayes has been awarded a Florence Nightingale Travel Scholarship to visit three American centres specialising in research on self-neglect. The scholarship will fund visits to research centres in Chicago, Kentucky and Houston where reporting of self-neglect is often mandatory, and will be followed by a later visit to a European Centre. Interest in the subject stems from a seminar on self-neglect delivered by James O'Brien in 2010 during his visit to the Centre for Ageing and Mental Health. The scholarship will facilitate learning about the nature of older persons' services and it is anticipated that these visits will increase understanding of the characteristics of and risk factors associated with self-neglect, alongside the strategies that are successful in caring for those considered to be self-neglecting. These visits will support preliminary work for a PhD focusing on self-neglect in later life. l.a.hayes@staffs.ac.uk

Skills For Justice - Skills Mark Award

The University Certificate of Credit in Money Advice Practice, an online award offered by the Social Work and Advice Studies part of the Faculty of Health, has recently been awarded the prestigious Skills for Justice, Skills Mark Award. This is in recognition that the award meets both the rigorous quality assurance framework and the National Occupational Standards for Legal Advice. The award has 'Endorsed Award' status by Skills for Justice, for a period of 3 years. m.a.savage@staffs.ac.uk



Staff

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Bob Banks



I am pleased to have joined the Faculty of Health in Social Work and Advice Studies as a principal lecturer (pre-qualifying awards). I have been a lecturer / manager in education now for about six years, my previous role was at Stockport College (HE in FE) where I managed the social work and counselling courses. Before becoming a lecturer I was a local authority senior practitioner in children's services working in various child protection teams on Merseyside. I have also worked with people who have learning difficulties, mental health and drug/substance misuse problems in statutory and voluntary services. r.t.banks@staffs.ac.uk

So Far This Year

Public Health Lecture

A Public Health Lecture organised by Professor Tony Stewart in partnership with NHS Stoke-on-Trent was held at Staffordshire University's Ashley Theatre on Thursday 19 January 2012 and was attended by in excess of 150 guests (including senior colleagues from key local and regional partners, other universities, colleagues from other Faculties and Executive, and local residents). The title of the lecture *Potteries, Public Health and Karl Marx* certainly grabbed the imagination, resulting in a large and diverse audience.

After Professor Tony Stewart's warm welcome to all attendees and a summary of Staffordshire University's work in the area of Public Health, Dr Zafar Iqbal, Acting Director of Public Health at Stoke-on-Trent Primary Care Trust and Visiting Professor at Staffordshire University, drew on the work of Karl Marx to provide an informed and insightful perspective on the history of public health in the Potteries. The lecture was followed by a robust and challenging question and answer session. Guests stayed to enjoy refreshments and further discussion with colleagues and friends. The next lecture in the public health series, by Dr Jammi Rao, Visiting Professor at Staffordshire University, will take place on Wednesday 9 May 2012. antony.stewart@staffs.ac.uk



Visit from Haraldsplass Diakonale Hogskole

Staff in the Health Professions area hosted a Pre-Erasmus visit from 2 colleagues from an institution in Bergen, Norway, for 3 days at the end of January. Professor Wilf McSherry and Linda Thompson worked with colleagues to give our visitors an overview of the work and discuss possible areas for collaboration and exchange opportunities. Professor McSherry is already working closely with the institution on a number of projects.



Hilary Jones, Ingrid Torsteinson, Britt Haugland, Linda Thompson, Wilf McSherry

During the visit Britt and Ingrid met with a number of colleagues, students and visited some of our colleagues from practice, including a visit to St Giles Hospital which they were extremely impressed with. A particular area of interest at Haraldsplass is palliative care so opportunities for collaboration in this area were explored. Britt and Ingrid also made a presentation to colleagues about their own institution and we had some discussion about exchange opportunities. l.j.thompson@staffs.ac.uk

Upcoming Events

Centre for Practice and Service Improvement (CPSI) Lunchtime Seminars

CPSI will be holding the following Invited Lunchtime Seminars, all 1.00 to 2.00pm, to which all members of the faculty and local clinicians are invited to attend. Booking a place is essential as the event is organised on a specified minimum and maximum numbers of attendees. For further information and to reserve a place please telephone or email Elaine Stanway on 01785 353742 or email e.stanway@staffs.ac.uk

6 March 2012 BL115 Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>Schwartz Rounds</i> Barbara Wren
17 April 2012 A115 Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>PhD Study</i> Leanne Rimmer, PhD Student
12 June 2012 Room C, RSH Shrewsbury	<i>Introducing Learning into the NHS</i> Professor Wilf McSherry and Dr Steve Suckling

Centre for Ageing and Mental Health Seminars

The Centre for Ageing and Mental Health will be holding the following seminars during 2012. All members of the University, local clinicians and the general public are invited to attend. There is no fee for the seminars, but please note that lunch/refreshments will not be provided. For further information and to reserve a place, please telephone Elaine Stanway on 01785 353742 or email e.stanway@staffs.ac.uk

29 February 2012 1.00-2.00pm BL045, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>ExtraCare housing – is it still the answer?</i> Nick Abbey, Chief Executive, The ExtraCare Charitable Trust
7 March 2012 12.00-1.00pm BL125, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>What we talk about when we talk about ageing</i> Professor Helen Small, Professor of English Literature, University of Oxford
22 March 2012 1.00-2.00pm BL045, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>Is taking medication a sin?</i> Dr Waqqas Khokar, Specialist Registrar in General Psychiatry, Leicestershire Partnership Trust
19 April 2012 1.00-2.00pm A115, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>How to work effectively through interpreters in healthcare</i> Professor Saeed Farooq, Consultant Psychiatrist, Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
2 May 2012 1.00-2.00pm A115, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>PhD Progress</i> Tina Fanneran: <i>Safeguarding vulnerable adults in mental health services</i> Jemma Regan: <i>The influence of religion on dementia care in South Asian populations</i> Ed Tolhurst: <i>How are relationships negotiated by people with dementia?</i>
30 May 2012 1.00-2.00pm A115, Blackheath Lane Stafford	<i>'CHIP' project – Care Homes In reach Programme</i> Dr Farooq Khan, Specialist Registrar in South Birmingham

Centre for Ageing and Mental Health Conferences

The Centre for Ageing and Mental Health will be holding the following All Day Conferences in May and June 2012. For further details, please telephone Elaine Stanway on 01785 353742 or email e.stanway@staffs.ac.uk

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| 25 May 2012
TV Centre, Beaconside,
Stafford | <i>Skills Training and Re-skilling for Carers of People with Dementia (STAR)</i> Launch conference of an EU funded Leonardo da Vinci project. Please note this conference has a limited audience. |
| 21 June 2012
Ruxton Lecture Theatre,
Beaconside, Stafford | <i>Preventing Falls in Older People</i>
Speakers and fee to be confirmed |
| 28 June 2012
TV Centre, Beaconside,
Stafford | <i>Integrated primary care mental health and well being – demystified</i>
PRIMHE (Primary Care Mental Health and Education) Annual Conference
Early Bird Offer £165.00 until 30.03.12 After £195.00
Speakers:
Clare Gerada, Chair RCGP; David McDaid, Research Fellow in Health Policy and Health Economics at LSE; Lynne Friedli, Mental Health Promotion Specialist, World Health Organisation; Ruth Hussey, Regional Director of Public Health/Medical Director for NHS North West |

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