

Psychology Placement Programme: *Placement Description*

Organisation Name:	Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH)
Placement Title:	Culturally adapted Family Intervention (CaFI) / Equality Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Honorary Research Assistant
Organisation Website:	https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/ Project website: https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/cafi/ EDI Research unit website: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Research Unit Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT (gmmh.nhs.uk)
Size of Organisation:	Larger Mental Health NHS Trust; however, the student will work within a small team under the Research & Innovation Unit
Brief description of the Organisation and Placement duties:	
<p>Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH) delivers mental health & dementia care to a wide range of people across the age spectrum. Research is a core Trust activity.</p> <p>The Culturally-adapted Family Intervention (CaFI) trial is hosted by GMMH. CaFI is a multi-site Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) of a bespoke psychological therapy co-designed with people Sub-Saharan African and Caribbean service users diagnosed with schizophrenia spectrum disorders and their families.</p> <p>People of African-Caribbean origin, including those of 'Mixed' heritage, are more likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia than other ethnic groups in the UK. They are also less likely to be offered psychological therapy. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) highlight a need for culturally-appropriate/informed psychosocial interventions to address inequalities in access, care, and outcomes experienced by people from these backgrounds.</p> <p>The RCT will investigate the clinical and cost-effectiveness of CaFI compared to usual care. The study will also aim to find out what will make it easier/harder for CaFI to be implemented in services and to understand whether anything can be done differently to enable delivery of CaFI in various parts of the country. This process evaluation will investigate the delivery of the CaFI intervention qualitatively and quantitatively across all participating sites.</p> <p>The study opened to recruitment in December 2021 and will remain open to recruitment until April 2024. In addition to Greater Manchester, the study is taking place in the Midlands, London, and South West of England.</p> <p>The Honorary Research Assistant (RA) will support the delivery of CaFI at GMMH.</p> <p>Professor Edge is also leading establishment of a specialist Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Research Unit within GMMH.</p> <p>The placement duties will include, but are not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist with generic research tasks; completing study documentation, data entry and small writing tasks (e.g. abstract development, blogs) • To create study materials, e.g. leaflets, presentation slides, and posters • To support the delivery of Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) activities, e.g. a short film promoting psychosis awareness 	

- To help with set up of study related events
- To assist with coordinating study related appointments (e.g. scheduling meetings with study participants)
- To assist with generic administrative tasks (e.g. tracking participant recruitment, creating spreadsheets/databases)

The successful candidate will work closely with Chief Investigator Professor Dawn Edge and CaFi trial team as well as other colleagues within GMMH and The University of Manchester's new EDI Directorate.

Essential skills, knowledge and qualities required:

- Genuine interest in mental health research/health inequalities/mental health services research/psychological therapies/working with marginalised groups
- Some understanding of psychological research
- Excellent interpersonal skills, e.g. Clear spoken and written communication
- Willingness to work with families affected by severe mental illness
- IT skills, e.g. Microsoft word, Excel, Powerpoint, and willingness to learn to use new software/systems
- Ability to search and appraise journal articles and other reports
- Ability to work independently and in a team (with reasonable guidance)
- Ability to take initiative
- Good attention to detail
- Inquisitiveness; passion for learning new things

Desirable skills, knowledge and qualities required:

- Previous experience of direct service user contact (e.g. people with mental health or cognitive difficulties)
- Understanding of NHS mental health services
- Interest or experience in website maintenance and/or social media content production

Length of Placement –	32 weeks (Minimum) 1 Year Short Summer Placement
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Anticipated start date of Placement:

Location of Placement: Rawnsley building, Manchester Royal Infirmary (MRI) hospital campus and remote work

Salary: Unpaid

Application Method CV and a personal statement outlining i) the applicant's interest/motivation in this placement and ii) why they would be suitable.

An Remote interview will be offered to candidates who have submitted a satisfactory application.

Your details

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