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The Centre for Nursing Research

The Centre for Nursing Research (CNR) is located in the School of Health Sciences at the University of Ulster. It is the only Centre of its kind in the Province with premises on both Coleraine and Jordanstown campuses. CNR currently has 25 research active academic staff and 10 research support staff. There are 55 research students registered to undertake research degrees for the awards of M.Phil., D.Phil. or D.NSc. programmes. In the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise, nursing research at UU obtained a 3B, placing it in joint seventh position on par with Nottingham, Edinburgh and Hull universities.

Within the CNR there are five Recognised Research Groups (RRG), each of which is involved in a range of social and health care research projects.

1. Learning Disability Research Group

Leader: Prof. Roy McConkey

Current Research Areas

- Enhancing communication with people who have a learning disability
- Community attitudes to people with a learning disability
- Designing and evaluating family support services
- The needs of people and families at transition stages; notably school leaving; moving into employment; moving out of the family home

2. Needs Assessment in Chronic Illness Research Group

Leader: Dr Vivien Coates

Current Research Areas

- Assessing the health care needs of people with HIV and AIDS
- Assessing experiences of waiting for coronary bypass surgery
- Assessing knowledge and beliefs of adults with diabetes
- Assessment and care of people with cancer



3. Primary Care Research Group

Leader: Prof. G. Kernohan

Current Research Areas

- Evidence-based practice within Primary Care
- Evaluation of methods for smoking cessation
- Adolescent sexual reproductive behaviour
- Cancer prevention, screening and care in the community

4. Mental Health Research Group

Leader: Ann Long

Current Research Areas

- Suicide prevention
- Alcohol dependence
- Quality of life for people with enduring forms of mental illness
- Sexual abuse and domestic violence

5. Telematics Research Group

Leader: Prof. Mary Chambers

Current Research Area

- Assisting Carers using Telematics Interventions to meet Older persons Needs (ACTION)

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