

## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title:</b>	Postdoctoral Research Assistant in Healthcare Evaluation
<b>Department / Unit:</b>	Department of Psychology
<b>Grade:</b>	RHUL 7
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Principal Investigator
<b>Job Context</b>	
<p>Professor Dawn Langdon's team work on psychosocial aspects of MS. This project sits within the MS in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century initiative, an international group of MS patient advocates and leading MS health professionals, who work to improve MS healthcare, of which Professor Langdon is Co-Chair (<a href="http://www.msinthe21stcentury.com">www.msinthe21stcentury.com</a>). The project is informed by the patient engagement and empowerment agenda. The project is a collaboration with two internationally recognised MS teams: led by Professor Gavin Giovannoni at Bart's London and Professor Jeremy Hobart at Peninsula Medical School Plymouth. It is funded by Merck KGaA (Global).</p>	
<b>Job Purpose</b>	
<p>The post-holder will be expected to contribute to study design and oversee implementation. The RCT will evaluate a consultation planner from the patient's and health professional's perspective, involving both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. It is planned to recruit 100 MS patients from the two collaborating centres. The post-holder will be expected to complete systematic reviews and to carry out quantitative and qualitative analysis of study results, and write up the results for publication.</p>	
<b>Main Duties &amp; Responsibilities</b>	
<p>Responsible for taking an active role in the planning and implementation of the project, under the general guidance of the Principal Investigator.</p> <p>To ensure that all research is undertaken according to good research practice and guidance, such as Good Clinical Practice (GCP), College and Trust protocols, and meets all ethical and legal requirements.</p> <p>To communicate in a skilled, tactful and effective manner with all research personnel across the three sites, including appropriate travel as requested, to deliver liaison, support and training as required.</p> <p>Set-up study database, including audio tapes and transcriptions, and undertake any appropriate analysis of data as requested. Maintain appropriate databases, keeping accurate written and computerised records and to ensure that these records are stored in a secure place, and to maintain confidentiality of all electronically stored personal data in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act and ethical permissions of the study.</p>	

Undertake literature and database searches as relevant the research project, and be able to use these to inform project delivery and data interpretation and deliver systematic reviews, in addition to developing additional potential projects using data collected as part of this study.

Be responsible for auditing recruitment rates and data quality.

Contribute to, and potentially lead on, writing papers summarising research findings for publication in peer-reviewed journals (of high international standing where possible).  
Contribute to other reports where possible.

Prepare reports of appropriate research results for public presentation through seminars and conferences, including for international MS scientific conferences, MS21, MS charities and collaborating centre staff and participants.

Keep up to date with subject related and professional issues, in particular, developments in the specific subject area.

#### **Other Duties**

The above list of responsibilities is not exhaustive and the jobholder may be required to undertake other duties commensurate with the level of the role, as reasonably requested by their line manager.

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or level of the responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot in themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.