**Funding Source: Wellcome Trust grant**

**Proposed start date: 1 October 2022**

**Closing date for applications: 8 April 2022**

**Eligibility:** UK applicants only

**Department/School:** Health Sciences

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**Project Title:** Promoting health outcome prioritisation in primary care consultations with patients with multi-morbidity, in a multi-ethnic population: A mixed-methods intervention study

**Project Description:**

Improving the experience of patients has been identified as one of the triple aims of health care and that healthcare received by patients should be centred around them as individuals, is well-established as an ideal of good clinical practice. The importance of developing multi-morbidity interventions to improve the patient-centredness of care, has also previously been highlighted. This project aims to facilitate the elicitation and incorporation of the health outcome priorities of patients with multi-morbidity in a multi-ethnic population, into primary care consultations, thus promoting the delivery of individualised and patient-centred care. The project will involve two key steps to address this aim:

1) Qualitative interviews with clinicians and patients on barriers and facilitators communication of priorities in primary care consultations, strategies for incorporating a tool to facilitate this in primary care consultations

2) Development and feasibility assessment of a simple intervention to elicit priorities of patients with multi-morbidity, which would be suitable for use in primary care consultations.

This project is particularly suited to clinicians and in particular, General Practitioners, as their clinical expertise and practical experience of consulting in a primary care context will provide invaluable insight into the challenges faced in this field in everyday primary care, and how best to tailor interventions to effectively address them.

**References:**

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3 Fried TR, Tinetti M, Agostini J, et al. Health outcome prioritization to elicit preferences of older persons with multiple health conditions, *Patient Educ Couns* 2011;83:278-82.

**Funding details:**

*Students on this programme will be supported by a generous funding package. This will include:*

* *Postgraduate research fee waiver at standard College of Life Sciences UK rates for three years of the PhD*
* *Wellcome Trust stipend covering your salary for all three years of the PhD*
* *Research grant for training, research and travel costs*

**Entry requirements:**

Applicants are required to hold/or expect to obtain a UK Bachelor Degree 2:1 or better in a relevant subject.

The University of Leicester [English language](https://le.ac.uk/study/research-degrees/entry-reqs/eng-lang-reqs) requirements apply where applicable.

This programme is open to:

* allied health professionals
* nurses
* midwives
* junior doctors
* general practitioners

Fellows recruited to the programme must be practicing healthcare professionals and be registered with a national professional regulatory body (e.g. the General Medical Council, Health and Care Professions Council) in the UK/Republic of Ireland.

Medical graduates must be registered on a UK/Republic of Ireland specialist training programme or must be a registered GP.

All fellows must have completed their undergraduate degree and be registered with the relevant professional body.

**Application advice:**

For full application advice and the link to our online application please go do: <https://le.ac.uk/study/research-degrees/funded-opportunities/leicestershire-healthcare-inequalities-improvement-dtp>

With your application, please include:

* CV
* Personal statement explaining your interest in the project, your experience and why we should consider you
* Degree Certificates and Transcripts of study already completed and if possible transcript to date of study currently being undertaken
* Evidence of English language proficiency if applicable
* In the reference section please enter the contact details of your two academic referees in the boxes provided or upload letters of reference if already available.

In the funding section please specify that you wish to be considered for **Wellcome Trust LHII DTP**

In the proposal section please provide the name of at least one or at most two of the projects you are interested in (please indicate title and name of supervisor).

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