

Research Co-ordinator Introduction

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Below Imran Mohammed, Research Co-ordinator, answers questions about his role supporting general practice research across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

Tell us about your role?

My primary focus in the research team involves working on the 'Reduce prescribing for neuropathic pain' (ReThink) project. The campaign provides bi-monthly reports giving the latest guidance and research evidence and highlighting practice performance; this has enabled practices to identify areas where Gabapentinoid prescribing can be reduced, and has provided the opportunity for practices to compare their prescribing habits with others in their CCG and across the West Yorkshire region. I also accumulate data for the interrupted time series analysis of the 'Campaign to Reduce Opioid Prescribing' (CROP).

I provide support to the research team on various projects, assisting in data acquisition, analysis and reporting; moreover, assisting in knowledge transfer and conveying information, supporting the team wherever necessary. In the coming months I hope to take on additional responsibilities involving the governance process.

How did you come to work in R&D?

I have experience of working in a nursing home environment where I worked closely with the home manager to build and manage professional working relationships with commissioning teams from Bradford, Leeds & Kirklees councils. In order to increase the Nursing Home's visibility, I have set up a website in WordPress, trained a number of admin staff to keep it updated and completely overhauled the organisations manner of collating information by creating and implementing a robust IT system. I have also liaised with recruitment agencies in order to recruit temporary staff and have worked as part of a management team to resolve major issues relating to safeguarding guidelines and protocols.

Having previously worked for NHS Bradford Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust, I have insight into primary care and understand the operational challenges faced. Working as a Trauma Audit and Research Coordinator involved working on a number of large and complex projects, which entailed providing high quality project support functions. I also endeavoured to assist and promote the improvement of system data, including investigating and correcting missing NHS numbers, as well as being involved in the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) Trust-wide project. This entailed replacing manual patient paperwork processes that captured patient data within the Trust with integrated digital systems. I have utilised the features of MS Excel to produce data visualisation and produced key performance indicators (KPIs) on key trauma services within the Trust, using MS Word to produce and present reports and update project documentation. I managed patient identifiable data in line with the IG guidelines and Caldicott principles

What is your favourite part of your job?

Fundamentally - thriving in a fantastic team, developing and learning every day from remarkable colleagues and being able to hopefully facilitate change for the better in the NHS. If you need any advice or help with data or anything else, I am always willing to help.