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Profile and research aim

Health Visitor and PhD student awarded a Chief Scientist Office (CSO) clinical academic fellowship to research how parents of children under one year respond to childhood illness and make decisions to use urgent care services within NHS Scotland.

Education

- 2022 – 2025 PhD, University of Edinburgh
- 2017 – 2018 Master of Public Health (merit), University of Glasgow
- 2012 – 2013 BSc Hons Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) (2:1), Glasgow Caledonian University
- 2011 Diploma in Tropic Nursing, University of Liverpool
- 2005 – 2008 BSc Adult Nursing, Bell College/University of Strathclyde

Awards and Funding

- 2022 - Chief Scientist Office clinical academic fellowship of £207,691
- 2013 - Public Health Prize for academic achievement upon graduating as a SCPHN

Research Experience

- Member of the editorial advisory board and peer reviewer for the Community Practitioner and journal of Health Visiting
- Master of Public Health research project included analysing qualitative and quantitative data; focus group allowed for inductive thematic analysis to generate Likert style statements and an online survey allowed for description of differences and associations of attitudes and beliefs using R
- Worked closely with anthropologists and epidemiologists in Médecins Sans Frontiers to explore health seeking behaviours through organising and carrying out interviews and focus groups

Previous employment

- 2021 – 2022 Practice Development Nurse, Children and Families, NHS GG&C
- 2019 – 2021 Public Health Nurse (Health Visitor), Children and Families, NHS. NHS GG&C
- 2019 Nurse Activity Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières Ethiopia
- 2018 – 2019 Public Health Nurse (Health Visitor), Children and Families, NHS. NHS GG&C
- 2015 – 2017 Nurse Activity Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières Sierra Leone, and South Sudan
- 2013 – 2015 Public Health Nurse (Health Visitor), Children and Families, NHS. NHS GG&C
- 2011 – 2012 Medical and Physio Co-Ordinator, Projects Abroad Nepal
- 2008 – 2011 Staff Nurse, NHS Lanarkshire

Publications

- Exploring Glasgow parents' views of the Equal Protection from Assault Bill (Sweeney & Spence, 2019)
- Parents' views of equal protection: a health visitor's research (Sweeney, 2019)
- Exploring Trauma Care (Sweeney, 2021)

References available on request.