IRIHS is a recently established research unit within the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences at the University of Oxford. It is led by Professor Trish Greenhalgh, with senior academic support from Dr Sara Shaw. IRIHS aims to undertake excellent research and teaching across disciplinary boundaries, bringing together approaches and methodologies from clinical medicine, epidemiology (including evidence-based medicine), sociology, psychology, computer science, management studies, philosophy and social policy.

Main achievements in 2015

1. MOVE FROM QUEEN MARY. TG commenced at Oxford in January 2015. We now have 7 academic staff at Oxford, with more in the process of moving.
2. RESEARCH: Research income for new studies was £2.1M, including a 5-year Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award to TG. We are named co-investigators on £10M in additional programme grants.
3. PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION: We published 38 peer-reviewed academic papers and 5 book chapters. We gave various keynote lectures and conference presentations and led a public debate at the Battle of Ideas.
4. TEACHING: We began to contribute to various MSc courses at Oxford. We have 8 doctoral students, 2 of whom remain at Queen Mary and 6 are based at Oxford; 4 of these passed Transfer of Status in 2015.
5. STAFF DEVELOPMENT. EB gained NIHR In-Practice Fellowship. TG gained MBA.

Staff in post in December 2015 (see also doctoral students below)

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ADDITIONAL STAFF LINKED TO IRIHS BUT CURRENTLY STILL AT QUEEN MARY

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ASSOCIATE RESEARCHERS WHO CONTRIBUTE ON A CONSULTANCY BASIS

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Doctoral students


7. **S Roberts** (Oxford, PT) 2015- [Greenhalgh, Airoldi] Part-funded by research grant at LSE. *Application of evidence on affordability and the use of co-design principles to enhance delivery of prevention programmes for type 2 diabetes in an area of high prevalence*.

8. **T Stephens** (QMUL, PT) 2015- [Pearse, Shaw]. *What influences sustainability of quality improvement in acute healthcare settings?*

Research activity in 2015

Research studies on which we are Principal Investigators:


5. **Realising the potential of realist research for improving the delivery of health services (RAMESES II)**. NIHR HS&DR 14/19/19, £242K. Feb 2015 – Jan 2017. (TG, GW with partners from Leeds & Liverpool).

Research studies on which we are named co-investigators:


14. CAC is practice lead for 8 GP research trials including ARCHIE, HepFREE, CANDID, GARFIELD.

### Main teaching achievements

1. **Oxford MSc courses.** We have taught on the MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (TG, GW), MSc in International Health (Nuffield Department of Medicine, TG), MSc in Medical Statistics (CAC), MSc in Policy Evaluation (Blavatnik, SS). TG has taken on co-leadership of Knowledge to Action Module in MSc in EBHC for 2016. We plan to develop further MSc modules (see Strategy).

2. **Undergraduate teaching.** TG and AF have taught on the undergraduate medicine course at Oxford and have a number of mentees at Green Templeton College.

3. **Additional teaching.** We have contributed to various short courses and training days e.g. CP has taught NVivo to Oxford University IT Services.

### External achievements (selected)

**A’Court:**
- Oxfordshire CCG Primary Care Cardiovascular Lead

**Greenhalgh:**
- Gold Clinical Excellence Award (renewed) in recognition of services to NHS
- Thomas Reuters Highly Cited Researcher Award (top 1% of academics in her field)
- Wellcome Senior Investigator
- NIHR Senior Investigator
- Royal College of General Practitioners National Council
- NIHR Postdoctoral Awards Panel
- WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
- European Public Health Association, International Advisory Group on Public Health Research Impact
- Oxfordshire Health Inequalities Commission

**Shaw:**
- Delivering Primary Health Care to Homeless People, Advisory Committee.

**Wong:**
- NIHR, Health Technology Assessment Programme – Primary Care, Community and Preventive Interventions Panel
**Academic publications in 2015**

**PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Papers potentially returnable in a Primary Care or Social Policy submission to 2021 REF are highlighted.

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BOOK CHAPTERS


Selected lectures and conference presentations 2015

8. Shaw SE. The Curious Incident of the Qualitative Researcher in Applied Health Research [keynote]; London, Qualitative Health Research Symposium, 18 February 2015.
9. Hughes G. Symbolic, collective and intimate spaces: an ethnographic approach to the places of integrated care Ethnographies and Health: An early career workshop, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, October 2015
Public engagement

2. TG has active social medial presence (> 20,000 followers on Twitter)

Staff development

- Eleanor Barry gained an NIHR In-Practice Fellowship Award.
- Trish Greenhalgh gained an MBA in Higher Education Management (with Distinction) from UCL.

Strategy for 2016

1. RESEARCH: Consolidate and progress our current funded programmes of work. New grant income is not a priority except to maintain staff posts.
2. PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION: All research staff to publish one REF-returnable empirical paper or systematic review. Continue and extend public engagement work in SCALS-related research.
3. TEACHING: Deliver MSc module in Knowledge to Action. Develop MSc module in Realist Evaluation and Review. Explore options for developing further Masters level training in leadership, management, organisational case study and health policy. Explore options for extending opportunities for interdisciplinary doctoral study within the Department.
4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT. Ensure that all early career researchers have clear career plans and opportunities for progression. Where appropriate, submit applications for IPF, DRF, PDF, CRF or SRF.

Trish Greenhalgh and Sara Shaw
January 2016