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About

Alistair Hewison is senior lecturer and research lead for nursing. He has undertaken research investigating the organisation of care over a number of years and published widely on nursing, management and policy in scholarly journals and book chapters.

He has led a number of projects investigating end of life care in a range of settings, service redesign, and the organisation of nursing services. His involvement in this programme of work is centred on understanding how the organisation and management of services can improve care.

Qualifications

- PhD Sociology 2000
- MA Sociological Research Methods in Health Care 1993
- BSc Nursing Studies 1988
- Certificate in Education (FE) 1990
- RN 1981

Biography

Alistair qualified as a registered nurse from the Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing, Birmingham. Following a number of staff nurse posts in a range of clinical specialties he worked as a Charge Nurse and Manager.

He was later appointed Senior Lecturer in Health Care Management at Coventry University, later becoming Head of the Health Sciences Subject Group. Since joining the University of Birmingham he has developed his research and teaching activities in the management and organisation of care.

Teaching

Teaching Programmes

- **BNurs (/undergraduate/courses/med/nursing.aspx)**
- **BSc Physiotherapy (/undergraduate/courses/sportex/physiotherapy.aspx)**
- **MSc Advancing Practice (/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/advancing-practice.aspx)**
- **Master of Public Health (/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/public-health.aspx)**

Module Leadership

- Professional Development (UG)
- Introduction to Leadership and Management in Public Health (PG)

Other Teaching

Alistair also contributes to a wide range of other modules in the areas of management, quality, and policy.

Postgraduate supervision

Alistair is interested in supervising doctoral research students in the following areas:

- The organisation and management of End-of-life care.
- Nursing management-particularly in relation to the role of the ward manager.
- Service organisation and design.

If you are interesting in studying any of these subject areas please contact Alistair on the contact details above, or for any general doctoral research enquiries, please email: **dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk)** or call +44 (0)121 414 5005.

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Research

RESEARCH THEMES

Health Services research

Research Activity

Alistair's research interests are focussed on health care management and policy, particularly in relation to nursing. In recent years this has centred on the organisation of end of life care in a range of settings including care homes, the community and NHS acute trusts.

In addition he is working with colleagues in the Health Services Management Centre on a programme of work to explore how best to organise services to ensure the delivery of compassionate care.

Recent projects include a large scale investigation of service redesign in three acute NHS trusts; An examination of the factors precipitating emergency hospital admissions of people with cancer; An evaluation of frameworks for supporting ward staff in NHS Trusts; and an exploration of how best to promote a culture of research in the NHS.

Other activities

- Honorary appointment St Mary's Hospice, Birmingham
- Research Advisory Group member, Marie Curie Hospice, West Midlands.
- Member of the Nursing Strategic Collaborative Committee

Publications

Gale N, Shapiro J, McLeod H, Redwood S, and. **Hewison A** (2014) The Patients-People-Place model: Researching Organisational Culture during Service redesign. *Implementation Science* 9:106, 1-11. **http://www.implementationscience.com/content/9/1/106 (http://www.implementationscience.com/content/9/1/106)**)

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Hewison A, Lord L and Bailey C (2014) 'It's been quite a challenge'-Redesigning End of Life Care in Acute hospitals. *Palliative and Supportive Care*- doi:10.1017/S1478951514000170.

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Hewison A and Morrell K.(2013) Leadership Development in Healthcare: A counter narrative to inform policy. *International Journal of Nursing Studies* DOI 10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2013.08.004

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Morrell K and **Hewison A**. (2013) Rhetoric in policy texts: the role of enthymeme in Darzi's review of the NHS. *Policy & Politics* 41 (1), 59-79.

Williams R, **Hewison A**, Wildman S & Roskell C (2013) Changing fatherhood: an exploratory qualitative study with African and African Caribbean men in England. *Children & Society* 27, 97-103.

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