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About

Duncan is passionate about children's nursing. He has clinical experience of nursing children in hospital and community settings. These experiences have informed his research in which he has focused on the voices of children.

Duncan has published widely in peer reviewed journals, books and electronic media. He has presented his research work at international conferences and has organised research symposia with other leaders in the field of children's nursing.

Duncan's association with the Health Foundation has given him insights into health improvement processes and leadership in healthcare.

His most recent work has focused on children's palliative needs funded by the Department of Health. Duncan has led the Involve to Evolve project.

<https://mds-web.bham.ac.uk/involtoevolve>

Qualifications

- PhD in Nursing , University of Warwick 2010
- Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning , Coventry University 2002
- BSc (HONS) Community Health Nursing (1st Class), Birmingham City University 1995
- Registered Health Visitor 1995
- Registered Sick Children's Nurse 1992
- Registered General Nurse 1990

Biography

Duncan started his nursing career in London training as a general nurse at the Middlesex and University College hospitals. On qualifying he relocated to the midlands and completed his children's nursing at Birmingham Children's Hospital. His career in children's healthcare has seen him practice in neonates, general medicine/surgery as a health visitor and as a community children's nurse.

With the assistance of a Leading Practice Through Research Award from the Health Foundation Duncan was able to fund his doctoral studies at the University of Warwick. His qualitative study into children's views of nursing showed that children can have negative regard for nursing and nurses as well as positive. He used a mosaic approach (Clarke 2005) that included observation, photo elicitation; interviewing and arts based group work. A child's version of the thesis can be viewed at :

http://www.abpn.org.uk/Portals/_Rainbow/Documents/87299ChildViewsbook.pdf

During this time Duncan was also admissions tutor for nursing and Honorary Secretary for the Association of British Paediatric Nurses. Duncan Completed his doctoral studies in 2010 and also undertook a Universitas 21 fellowship. The fellowship looked at cultural understanding of children's nursing in Australia and Singapore. Through the fellowship Duncan has made links with children's nurses and educationalists in both countries.

On returning from his fellowship Duncan was awarded a Department of Health grant under the Children's Palliative Care 30 million programme, in partnership with Acorns Children's Hospice. The Involve to Evolve project had three objectives

- To design and create a database of Children's Supportive/Symptom Focus Care needs (palliative and end of life needs)
- To design and create an education programme on consent and confidentiality issues that surround database or registries for children's palliative care needs
- To evaluate the education programme

The results of the project can be seen at

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In addition to his research work Duncan also coordinates the children's nursing field of practice and leads two undergraduate modules one on long term conditions and

palliative care and one on health promotion and health education for children. At postgraduate level he teaches mixed methods in research and is module leader for an online distance learning module on research governance and project management.

Teaching

Teaching Programmes

- Bachelor of Nursing
- BSc Physiotherapy
- Health Research (MRes)

Postgraduate supervision

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

- Children's palliative care in community settings
- Theoretical frameworks of children's nursing
- Ethical issues of databases or registries on children's health issues.

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

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Research

RESEARCH THEMES

Health Services Research, Maternal and Child Epidemiology

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Doctoral studies at The University of Warwick on children's community nursing (completed 2010) funded by the Health Foundation

Universitas 21 Staff fellowship project: Australia and Singapore 2010 Cultural understanding of children's perspectives on health service improvement.

Involve to evolve project in partnership with Acorns Children's Hospice a Department of Health funded project on consent and confidentiality issues when recruiting children and families to a palliative care database

Co investigator on the Beyond labels project in partnership with Acorns Children's Hospice a Department of Health funded study of a prognosis tool for children's palliative care and end of life needs

Other activities

- Honorary Secretary of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses 2007-2010
- Coordinator for the Children's Palliative Care Data Forum
- Member West Midlands Paediatric Palliative Care Network
- Member Research and Development Committee Birmingham Children's Hospital
- Fellow Royal Society of Medicine
- Reviewer for Paediatric Nursing, Journal of Child Health Care; Child Abuse Review; International Journal of Nursing Studies

Publications

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