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About

PhD title: Exploring the role of place and space in paediatric healthcare experience.

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Gemma is a Doctoral Researcher in the School of Health and Population Sciences at the University of Birmingham, UK and a trainee Health Psychologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Her research area is applied health research with specific interests in health psychology, health for children and young people, health service design and qualitative research methods, particularly phenomenology and embodied enquiry. Currently her work focuses on exploring patient experience in different healthcare settings.

Qualifications

- MSc in Health Psychology: Stage 1 Health Psychology training (Distinction), Aston University, 2008
- Graduate Diploma in Psychology, University of Wolverhampton, 2007
- BA (Hons) Social Philosophy and Applied Ethics, Cardiff University, 2005

Biography

Following completion of her undergraduate degree, Gemma went on to work as an auxiliary nurse in a busy trauma and orthopaedics ward at Cheltenham General Hospital. It was here that she developed an interest in the psychology of health, illness and healthcare. After pursuing a diploma in Psychology and then a Masters degree in Health Psychology, Gemma worked as an Assistant Research Psychologist in Cancer Psychology (QEH, Birmingham) and then as a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner in the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Service in Shropshire and Staffordshire NHS Trust. Gemma took up her current post as a Trainee Health Psychologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital in 2009 to undertake 'Stage 2' training to become a chartered Health Psychologist, which involves fulfilling competencies in research, behavioral interventions, teaching and training and consultancy. She is also completing a PhD at the University of Birmingham, as part of the NIHR CLAHRC project for Birmingham and Black Country.

Research

Gemma is a member of the [Qualitative Research Methods for Healthcare Evaluation \(/research/activity/mds/domains/health-pop/healthcare-evaluation-and-methodology/qualitative-methods-for-healthcare-evaluation/index.aspx\)](#) group and the Psychology Special Interest group.

Other activities

Graduate member of the British Psychological Society

'In training' member of the BPS Division of Health Psychology

Member of the BPS Qualitative Methods in Psychology section

Gemma is also a reviewer for the International Journal of Qualitative Methods

Publications

Conference presentation(s)/poster(s)

Cameron, E., Heath, G., Cummins, C., Greenfield, S., Pattison, H., Kelly, D. & Redwood, S. A Qualitative Evaluation of Care Closer to Home: Staff and stakeholder views
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Heath, G., Cameron, E., Sidhu, M., Duggal, S., Yeats, R.M, Gale, N. & Redwood, S. Exploring the benefits of collaborative supervision for PhD students. Teaching and Learning Conference, University of Birmingham, 2011.

Heath, G. & Cameron, E. A Qualitative Evaluation of General Paediatric Services Midlands Health Psychology Network Annual Conference, Feb 2011

Heath, G. & Cameron, E. Health Psychology and the CLAHRCs: Translating research into practice Division of Health Psychology Postgraduate Conference 2011

Heath, G. Paediatric satellite services: a qualitative study exploring the concept of 'Health Space'
South Yorkshire CLAHRC Collaborating to improve our health service through research and its implementation, 2010

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