

## 1 Advertisement

**Post Title:** Research Fellow in Sustainable Healthcare

**School/department:** Brighton and Sussex Medical School / Clinical and Experimental Medicine

**Hours:** Full time. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).

**Location:** Brighton, United Kingdom

**Contract:** fixed term for 6 months, with possibility of extension (subject to funding)

**Reference:** 10838

**Salary:** starting at £36,333 to £43,155 per annum, pro rata if part time

**Placed on:** 03 March 2023.

**Closing date:** 16 March 2023. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.

**Expected interview date:** To be confirmed.

**Expected start date:** March 2023

We are looking to recruit a fellow to support the work of the sustainable healthcare group at Brighton & Sussex Medical School. The post is offered initially for six months, but may be extended.

The first six months of the post will be looking specifically to explore knowledge attitudes and behaviours of healthcare staff towards reuse of operating theatre textile, and ways to create change.

Over 94 million single use drapes and gowns were purchased by the NHS prior to the Covid pandemic, which likely is more than double the volume of reusable equivalents used in the NHS. Reusable health textiles have a carbon footprint that is one third that of disposable, and this project will explore actual or perceived barriers to reuse.

You will initially undertake qualitative work exploring perceptions knowledge and behaviours and a review of literature. We will produce a report and animation at the end of the project to support behaviour change.

You will be supervised by Professor Mahmood Bhutta and Dr Elaney Youssef at BSMS, and Prof Jennie Wilson at the University of West London.

Please contact Professor Mahmood Bhutta at [m.bhutta@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:m.bhutta@bsms.ac.uk) for informal enquiries.

The University is committed to equality and valuing diversity, and applications are particularly welcomed from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM) at Sussex.

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sponsorship.”

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*The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.*

**Please note: The University requires that work undertaken for the University is performed from the UK.**

## **2. The School / Division**

Please find further information regarding the school/division at <https://www.bsms.ac.uk/about/sustainability.aspx>

## **3. Job Description**

Job Description for the post of: Fellow in Sustainable Healthcare

**Department:** Clinical and Experimental Medicine

**Section/Unit/School:** Brighton & Sussex Medical School

**Location:** Brighton / Falmer / Home working

**Grade:** 7

**Responsible to:** Professor Mahmood Bhutta

You will lead work looking at knowledge attitudes and behaviors towards single use versus reusable textiles, particularly in the operating theatre. You will undertake a review of academic and grey literature on this topic to produce a report. You will support creation of an animation on this topic, working with an animation company.

## **4. Person Specification**

Essential

- Experience of qualitative research
- Evidence of pursuing a line of independent research within a research group.
- Evidence of published research
- Evidence of initiating, developing or participating in links between the University and external bodies such as business and industry, the professions, community organisations and policy-makers.

## Desirable

- A PhD (submitted or completed) or equivalent scholarly or relevant professional activity
- Experience of working in healthcare related research