RESEARCH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
BIOGRAPHIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr Kerry Bell
Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Kerry is a research fellow in York Trials Unit and currently holds a split role between trial management and health economics. She has a background in Psychology and is particularly interested in child development and the home learning environment. Kerry has experience in a broad range of research methodologies in areas such as randomised controlled trials, observational, cohort and case-control studies. These have spanned a broad range of health related fields including: educational attainment, psycholinguistics, macular degeneration, functional magnetic resonance imaging, osteoporosis, maternity services, wound care, podiatry, palliative cardiology, and cancer.

Dr Peter Coventry
Senior Lecturer in Health Services Research, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Peter is a mental health service researcher in the Mental Health and Addiction Research Group with a background in the social sciences. His research interests focus on psychological interventions for people with mental-physical multi-morbidity, self-management and behaviour change. He has methodological expertise in clinical trials, qualitative process evaluations and evidence synthesis. Peter currently leads an industry funded trial of a web application to support behaviour change in people with prediabetes and works on a range of NIHR funded projects based at the University of Manchester where he was previously a MRC post-doctoral research fellow and senior research fellow in health services research. He is the Chair of the Dissertation Development Committee in the Department of Health Sciences.

Dr Omara Dogar
Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Omara is a medical doctor and an epidemiologist who has worked as a public health researcher since 2010. Her main research interest is designing, evaluating and implementing tobacco cessation strategies in Low- and-Middle Income Countries. She is also interested in process evaluation and fidelity of complex interventions for stopping tobacco use integrated within health systems. Alongside evaluating interventions and trial management she also performs statistical analyses on trial data and conducts meta-analyses.

Professor Patrick Doherty
Deputy Head of Research, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Patrick is Chair of Cardiovascular Health in the Department of Health Sciences, Director of the National Audit for Cardiac Rehabilitation (NACR), and Deputy Head of Department with lead responsibility for research. Patrick was former Chair of the Training and Career Progression Committee which has responsibility for monitoring equality of opportunity for all staff in respect of training and career progression within the Department of Health Sciences. Patrick is Chair of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Section of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (EACPR).

Professor Steven Ersser
Professor in Clinical Nursing Research, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Steven is a nurse and academic who has worked in several universities and based in the Nursing and Midwifery Group at York. His work has focused on skin health and dermatology field for over 25 years. Steven’s interests include; -complex intervention development in nursing, supporting those living with long-term skill conditions and the secondary prevention of skin cancer. He was co-lead of the skin and wounds research group at the University of Leeds and Dean of Health at the University of Hull. For over a decade, he was President of the International Skin-care Nursing Advisory Board. Steven is on the Steering
Committees of the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network and the Translational Research in Dermatology Network.

David Gibson  
**Safety Consultant, Safety Consultancy Services (UK) Ltd**  
David is a chartered mining engineer who worked for British Coal until the early nineties when the majority of the UK’s deep mines closed. Since then he has been a self-employed Safety Consultant specialising in the examination and testing of extraction systems and personal monitoring for exposure to hazardous substances in accordance with the COSHH Regulations.

Dr Nicole Gridley  
**Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York**  
Nicole is a researcher who has been working in the area of early intervention and developmental psychology since 2009 with previous posts at Bangor University and the University of Greenwich. Her research interests include mental health and child behavioural problems, evaluating preventative and targeted behaviour based parenting programmes within real world community settings via rigorous randomised controlled trials. Other interests include the study of early language development in the context of the home learning environment. Nicole has a specific interest in using observational methodology to compliment data drawn from other research instruments (i.e. questionnaires) to measure parent and child behaviours and mental wellbeing.

Dr Stephen Holland (Chair)  
**Reader, Departments of Health Sciences and Philosophy, University of York**  
Stephen’s main research interests are in Ethics, including bioethics, public health ethics, and the philosophy of value. Previously, Stephen participated in the NHS Management Training Scheme (1992-4) before undertaking health systems research at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, and the Centre for Health Economics at the University or York.

Dr Mona Kanaan  
**Lecturer, Department of Health Sciences, University of York**  
Mona is a Lecturer in Health Statistics and is currently the post-graduate admissions tutor. Mona has worked on analysis of randomised controlled trials in the health and social sciences including cluster randomised trials and stepped wedge trials. She has worked previously on statistical modelling of childhood infectious diseases and spatial statistics.

Dr Amanda Mason-Jones  
**Senior Lecturer in Global Public Health, Department of Health Sciences, University of York**  
Amanda is a public health specialist and has been interested in public health research ethics and governance for many years. She previously sat on the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences research ethics committee at the University of Nottingham. Between 2006-2012 she worked in South Africa on adolescent sexual and reproductive health promotion and violence prevention research projects. She worked closely with colleagues at the University of Cape Town research ethics committee and published papers working through many of the issues and challenges raised by this type of research.

Dorothy McCaughan  
**Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York**  
Dorothy completed an English degree at Queen’s University in Belfast before training as a registered nurse in York. She then spent 3 years in Kenya with VSO, before working for several more years in Sudan, Mali and Malawi. Dorothy has worked in the Department of Health Sciences for almost 20 years, and undertaken research on nursing roles and skill mix; clinicians’ use of information in clinical decision making; patient involvement in patient safety; patients’ perceptions of living with long term conditions. Dorothy is primarily interested in qualitative methodologies.
Dr Noreen Mdege  
_Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York_  
Noreen is a pharmacist who has worked as an applied health researcher since 2003. Her research interests cover mental health, alcohol consumption, tobacco use and problem drug use in the UK as well as in low and middle income countries. She is interested in individual-level and population-level health perspectives and approaches, specific populations such as HIV positive patients, and community settings such as pharmacies. Her main interest is in intervention research utilising both qualitative methods and quantitative methods including different trial methodologies.

**Sandi Newby (Administrator)**  
_Second Research Administrator, Department of Health Sciences University of York_  
Sandi is PA to Professor Ian Watt, Professor of Primary Care, University of York and Hull York Medical School and Professor Steven Ersser, Professor in Clinical Nursing Research, University of York. Sandi is also the Group Administrator for the Health Services & Policy group; Administrator to Health Sciences Research Committee.

**Katie Pybus**  
_Doctoral Research Student, Department of Health Sciences, University of York_  
Katie is a second year PhD student in the Department of Health Sciences. She has a BSc in Psychology and qualified as a Registered Mental Health Nurse in 2010. Over the past ten years, Katie has worked as a support worker and nurse across a range of inpatient and community mental health settings including assessment, early intervention in psychosis, long term care and specialist neuropsychiatry and personality disorder services. Katie completed her MSc at the University of Manchester and in 2015 commenced a full time PhD at the University of York. Her project focuses on attitudes towards mental illness and experiences of stigma from a socioeconomic perspective.