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 Simon Crouch  
*Statistician, Epidemiology and Genetics Unit, Department of Health Sciences, University of York*

Simon trained as a mathematician and spent many years in industry, latterly running the Mathematics, Cryptography & Security Group, as well as working on organizational development, at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories in Bristol. After a spell as an independent management consultant, he took an MSc in medical statistics and joined the Epidemiology & Genetics Unit at York University. He works on the design and analysis of epidemiological studies, especially on those focussed on cancer.

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).

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 Su Golder  
*Senior Research Fellow, Department of Health Sciences, University of York*

Su is a qualified information specialist with over 20 years’ experience. She has worked in lots of different settings and has a wide breadth of experience in systematic reviews of healthcare interventions. She has specialist expertise in information retrieval, social media research, adverse effects and systematic review methodology and has taught in this field. Her current research is on the use of unpublished data, text mining and social media to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of the retrieval of adverse effects data. She has also studied the ethics of using social media data in research.
Professor Stephen Holland (Chair)

Professor, 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 of 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.

Ada Keding
Lecturer, Department of Health Sciences, University of York
Ada is a statistician and lectures on a number of health statistics related postgraduate modules in the department. Ada’s research activities involve the design, monitoring and analysis of randomised trials within the York Trials Unit portfolio of studies, with particular emphasis on musculoskeletal and mental health trials. She also provides statistical advice to the York Teaching Hospital R&D committee.

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
Senior 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)
Senior 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. Sandi is also the Group Administrator for the Health Services & Policy group; Administrator to Health Sciences Research Committee; Centre Administrator for Centre for Health and Population Sciences, HYMS; Administrator for Health Sciences Seminar series.

Ros Wade
Research Fellow, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York
Ros undertakes systematic reviews and technology assessments, primarily for the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment programme. She has led systematic reviews of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for various clinical indications. She has also completed several Single Technology Appraisals for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), most recently on treatments for leukaemia and psoriasis. Ros has worked at the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination for 17 years, since completing an MSc in Health Sciences.
Natasha Wynne  
**Doctoral Research Student, Department of Health Sciences, University of York**  
Natasha’s interests are in ethics, public health and social research, and she holds an MA in Ethics and Social Philosophy. She has worked in policy roles for health charities and professional regulators. This included commissioning and collaborating on proposals for research involving human subjects on diverse issues, from carers’ experiences of palliative care to social workers experience of the fitness to practice process. She has also been a member of the Public Affairs Working Group of the Association of Medical Research Charities, which introduced her to the breadth of designs, methods and potential ethical issues involved in health sciences research.