

## Healthcare Improvement Scotland Internship Opportunity

<b>Internship Title</b>	Methods to drive continuous improvement in health and social care: understanding multiple approaches
<b>Line Manager</b>	Sarah Harley, Health Service Researcher
<b>Payment</b>	The internship will be paid at UKRI doctoral stipend levels
<b>Hours</b>	Full-time or part-time
<b>Based</b>	Hybrid, some time working from home and some time working from the office in Glasgow
<b>Duration</b>	3 months (full time) or 6 months (part time)
<b>To apply</b>	Please submit an application <a href="#">via SGSSS Apply</a> by Monday 20 February

### About Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Healthcare Improvement Scotland's job is to encourage and support continuous improvement in healthcare practice. HIS encourages both patients and staff to challenge and change healthcare services for the better.

### Placement Information

#### Context

The Improvement hub (ihub) is part of Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS). The ihub's aim is to provide quality improvement expertise to help make improvements happen using:

- evidence-based advice
- guidance and standards
- international evidence for improvement
- information from our scrutiny work.

We work collaboratively with the staff of healthcare providers, partner organisations and the public to drive improvements that can be sustained and measured.

#### This Project

In order to provide robust evidence to frontline health and social care providers, the ihub utilises multiple approaches to quality improvement. This project will create a resource which describes different methodological approaches to quality improvement. Specifically, this project will include:

- A literature review to understand the different methodologies available for undertaking quality improvement in health and social care. The literature review will be undertaken with the support of an experienced information scientist based in the ihub.
- The creation of a repository of case studies which document how different approaches to quality improvement can be used across diverse contexts and different programmes

of work in health and social care. Case Study data will be collected from programme teams in the ihub and using resources created via national improvement projects.

The successful candidate will be based in the Evidence and Evaluation for Improvement Team (EEvIT) for the duration of the internship. We anticipate the output of this project to be published.

### Person Specification

Essential skills	Desirable skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent analytical skills</li> <li>• Clear and effective verbal and written communication</li> <li>• Time management skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of the health and social care literature or field</li> <li>• Collaboration and team working</li> </ul>

### Eligibility

Before making an application, please ensure that you meet **all** of the eligibility criteria below:

- Registered at a university in Scotland, regardless of funding source;
- In the second or third year of PhD study only. Please note that if you are in your final year, you need to have more than 6 months left for your PhD when the internship starts;
- Eligible to work in the UK.

### Deadlines

The deadline to apply is **12pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an interview with Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

For further information, please consult the [SGSSS Internship FAQs](#). If this does not answer your questions, please contact Kelly (Knowledge Exchange and Partnerships Co-Ordinator, SGSSS): [team@sgsss.ac.uk](mailto:team@sgsss.ac.uk).