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Florence Nightingale Foundation Chair in Clinical Nursing Practice appointed

London South Bank University (LSBU), University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH) and the Florence Nightingale Foundation (FNF) are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Lesley Baillie to the Florence Nightingale Foundation Chair in Clinical Nursing Practice.



This post, primarily focusing on improving integrated care of patients, will provide the opportunity to demonstrate academic leadership at the clinical interface and will contribute to the translation of research directly into clinical care.

Appointment to this post will enable Dr Baillie to build upon her previous and current research portfolio which not only includes work around integration but internationally-recognised research activity related to Patient Dignity.

Dr Baillie, who has a background in acute nursing, says integrated care and patient dignity are two areas ripe for research to improve patient care. "I will be working with all three organisations to support and enable nurses to develop their practice. It is important that nurses who are so closely involved with patients for so much of the time should be involved in research to help improve the care patients receive."

Professor Judith Ellis, Dean at LSBU, which funded the post, said she was 'delighted that Dr. Lesley Baillie has accepted this position which will lead the way in developing senior clinical, academic and professional partnerships that will impact on the quality of patient care'.

Elizabeth Robb, FNF chief executive, said: The Florence Nightingale Foundation is delighted to welcome the first appointment of what is envisaged to be a network of Chairs in Clinical Practice Research. These posts have the real potential to translate research into sustainable clinical practice improvements to the benefit of patient care.



UCL Hospitals is an NHS Foundation Trust comprising: The Eastman Dental Hospital, The Heart Hospital, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital and University College Hospital (incorporating the former Middlesex and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospitals, and the University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre).

The appointment was welcomed by UCLH chief nurse Katherine Fenton who added: "UCLH has long recognised the value and potential of supporting front-line nurses to increase their research awareness and capability which will help them develop new ways of improving practice and patient care in their everyday working lives. This appointment is a major step toward achieving that objective."

Notes to editors

1. University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH), situated in the West End of London, is one of the largest NHS trusts in the United Kingdom and provides first-class acute and specialist services. The state-of-the-art University College Hospital which opened in 2005, is the focal point of the trust alongside five cutting-edge specialist hospitals. The Trust is committed to research and development and forms part of UCL Partners which in March 2009 was officially designated as one of the UK's first academic health science centres by the Department of Health. UCLH works closely with UCL, translating research into treatments for patients.
www.uclh.nhs.uk
2. The Florence Nightingale Foundation exists to support nurses and midwives with scholarships, mentoring and perhaps, most importantly, to give them some recognition they so richly deserve. We raise vital funds to support this key group of clinical professionals enabling study at home and abroad, promoting innovation in practice, in addition to extending knowledge and skills to enable nurses and midwives to meet changing needs and improve patient care.
3. London South Bank University (LSBU) is one of London's largest and oldest universities. Since 1892 we have been providing students with relevant, accredited and professionally recognised education. We are a cosmopolitan university with over 25,000 students from over 120 countries. We are proud to have received the highest possible rating for the quality of our education, from the independent Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), and proud of our achievements in delivering excellent student outcomes.
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