



Are you willing to help us build the social science research agenda for Lewy-Body Dementia?

Lewy Body Dementia is a form of dementia that comprises both Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB) and Parkinson's Disease Dementia (PDD) and accounts for around 1 in 10 of dementia diagnoses. Its symptoms include fluctuating cognition; recurrent visual hallucinations; REM sleep behaviour disorder, and one or more spontaneous features of parkinsonism. Due to its heterogeneity, patients' experience is usually described as a 'roller coaster ride' with management often falling between speciality-driven services.

Social science research has either focused mainly on Alzheimer's dementia, or preferred to replace the biomedical model with a psychosocial model of dementia that emphasises personhood. While this may have been necessary to establish a distinctive social science approach to dementia, it is now time to focus on how a specific, if heterogeneous, illness experience interacts with the institutions of biomedicine, health care services and patient organisations.

In this, **Sociology of Health and Medicine Foundation** funded Workshop, we aim to build research capacity in the social sciences on Lewy body dementia. The workshop will comprise of state-of-the art talks and researcher-led working groups on key areas of research: biomedicalisation, health care services, and patient and carer experience.

We are inviting social science researchers at any stage of their career, patients and carers to contribute to shaping the social science research on Lewy-Body dementia. This will include a position paper on the social science research agenda on LBD to be submitted to a peer reviewed journal, and the possibility of being part of an externally funded research project.

Please send to the contact email below, a 250 word description of your interests in this area of social science research. We do not require applicants to already have expertise in Lewy-Body dementia. We specially encourage postgraduate and early career researchers to apply. There are 8 Postgraduate bursaries available to assist with travel costs. This whole day workshop is free – including catering - and will take place in Durham on the **18 April 2018**.

Deadline: 29 March 2018, 5 PM GMT

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