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## International Foundation for Integrated Care

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### Senior Researcher in Integrated Care

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#### The International Foundation for Integrated Care

The International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is a not-for-profit educational network that crosses organisational and professional boundaries to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care policy and practice. The Foundation seeks to achieve this through the development and exchange of ideas among academics, researchers, managers, clinicians, policy makers and users and carers of services throughout the world.

We do this through:

- IFIC's **open-access network** which connects the growing number of individuals and organisations interested in collaborating and sharing knowledge on integrated care. Interested parties can register for free to access our online networking platform and Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- Our **conferences** which bring together researchers, clinicians and managers from around the world who are engaged in the design and delivery of integrated health and social care. Our European conference has been taking place annually since 2000 and attracts up to 1,500 delegates from all over the world. Our online events and live streams are viewed by 5,000 people representing more than 60 countries.
- The **Integrated Care Academy**® which supports scientific analysis and successful implementation of integrated care policy and practice. The Academy provides a range of accessible, high quality, evidence-based and practice-orientated face-to-face and online learning programmes.
- The Foundation's **Integrated Care Solutions**® service which is customized to client's needs, combining research, best practice and expertise in context to design and support the effective and sustainable implementation and evaluation of integrated care at local, regional and national levels.
- The International Journal of Integrated Care (IJIC) which is supported and administered by IFIC and is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed scientific journal that publishes original articles in



the field of integrated care on a continuous basis since the year 2000. IJIC's official Impact Factor is 5.12, with 17,500 full text views per month.

- Our international centre of knowledge, expertise and ideas on integrated care. our team participate in a number of European funded projects which generate the most up to date learning on Integrated Care.

The Foundation is registered in The Netherlands and has its administrative offices in Oxford in the UK and its communications offices in Valentia Island in Ireland.

You can get more information on our website at <http://www.integratedcarefoundation.org>

### **Our integrated research and evaluation team**

Research is central to our work at IFIC. Our researchers conduct a mix of EU-funded and externally awarded and commissioned research and evaluation projects in collaboration with communications and dissemination colleagues. They contribute to the design and delivery of our Integrated Care Academy® courses, review articles for The International Journal for Integrated Care hosted by IFIC, and facilitate sessions at our international in-person and online events. Our research and evaluation projects place a strong emphasis on building the evidence base for integrated care, policy, practice, scaling up and the role of digital solutions.

IFIC is a small organisation of 11 people. Four team members are researchers, 2 of them senior researchers. We collaborate on almost all of our work with research partners who are part of our wider network.

### **Role**

Senior Researchers are responsible for the delivery of research projects within our portfolio, as directed and supervised by the Chief Executive. They also lead and contribute towards the development of new proposals, project reporting and reviews. Increasingly, the portfolio of projects covers population groups across the life-course and may include independent evaluations, evidence reviews, EU research and innovation actions, as well as knowledge mobilisation and exchange within and across various networks. The role enables post holders to significantly expand their network internationally and be supported to develop research, planning and writing skills, career development and other mentoring and coaching support. Our 3 senior researcher roles lead on different areas of priority for IFIC. This post-holder will take the lead for evaluating integrated care and supporting its real-world implementation.

### **The person we are looking for**

You will be an experienced researcher and evaluator in health and care, ideally with experience in integrated care research and evaluation. You will have published in the field in peer-reviewed journals, evaluation reports and thought leadership. It would be great if you had experience of being embedded in an integrated care programme or service with an understanding of what real-world implementation is like. You will be a natural collaborator, used to working in mixed teams, who is also comfortable talking to senior policy and decision makers, health and care professionals, academics and people as partners in care.

**Key tasks and responsibilities:**

IFIC aspires to being a fully integrated collaborative organisation. We work according to the principles set out below:

1. We work always as integrated teams
2. We respect each other's different skills and capabilities
3. We organise ourselves around the needs of our clients / commissioners
4. Roles for projects are clearly defined
5. Accountability for delivery is defined for every project and tasks within projects
6. Decision-making structures and processes are defined
7. We minimise duplication of effort
8. We ask for help when we need it – this is never seen to be a weakness

In this context, senior researchers are responsible for leading the day-to-day work on specific research projects and other activities. They are also responsible for supporting the work and professional development of less experienced researchers and other team members.

This senior research post-holder will lead on our evaluation and integrated care-in-practice portfolio of work as part of Integrated Care Solutions, under the guidance and with the support of the Chief Executive. The postholder's key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Leads or participates in taking forward work packages, tasks and other activities within projects which can include desk-top research, analysis, commentary and consultancy.
- Collaborates with IFIC colleagues and other project partners to design, develop and execute work package and task delivery.
- Contributes to new research proposal content development as appropriate, including EU-funded calls, Integrated Care Solutions consultancy proposals, and co
- Collaborative proposals with IFIC Hubs, SIGs and ERPIC (our early career researcher network).
- Contributes to the planning and development of the broader strategy and implementation plan for IFIC.
- Represents IFIC as a 'expert' on integrated care, speaking at events and meetings including our own annual International Conference on Integrated Care and contributing to IFIC's online profile through blogs, social media, participation in webinars, education and training activities and academic publications.



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- Develops and maintains close links with relevant external bodies and individuals, as stakeholders or contributors to projects or in areas of specialist interest.
- Collaborates with and contributes to the broader IFIC programme of work as appropriate. This will include leading and facilitating in workshops during conferences and webinars as well as developing content for education and training programmes.
- Supports communications colleagues in their communication strategies to maximise the impact of IFIC's work, including disseminating the work to relevant audiences.
- In line with our governance requirements, the postholder will undertake other duties as requested by the Chief Executive.