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Nursing lead for the ABS iBRA-NET ASPIRE (Breast Pain Pathway Rapid Evaluation) Project

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a forward thinking and dynamic nursing member of ABS to become Nursing Lead for the iBRA-NET ASPIRE (Breast Pain Pathway Rapid Evaluation) Project.

Capacity pressure on breast unit diagnostic services is recognised and to address this several units have developed specific pathways for the management of patients with isolated breast pain or mastalgia with different pathways at various stages of development, implementation and evaluation. Many of these pathways are being delivered by ABS nurse members.

Consistent with a commitment to “no innovation without evaluation”, ABS intends to support a multicentre platform study to evaluate these pathways, to be delivered as a collaboration between the iBRA-NET and the ABS Academic and Research Committee. The primary outcome will be pathway safety measured by the number of breast cancers diagnosed in the 12 months following assessment. Patient satisfaction and costs of different approaches will also be assessed.

The Nursing Lead post

The Nursing Lead will provide an essential nursing perspective and support the Clinical Lead in delivering the project. The successful applicant will receive mentorship from the Clinical Lead and experiential leadership training through involvement in a national evaluation project. The Nursing Lead will participate in steering group meetings; have the opportunity to be involved in drafting reports and study documents and to present and promote the evaluation locally and nationally as well as undertake related work relevant to the project depending on their interests.

The role is open to **ABS nursing members at all levels** who would be willing to commit to involvement in a two year project.

Desirable skills include:

- Enthusiasm for and interest in breast pain and improving breast diagnostic service
- Experience of leading audit/service evaluation projects locally or nationally including presentation/publication of findings
- Previous local or national leadership roles
- Good team-working and communication skills

Role of the Nursing Lead

This is an exciting role and requires the ability to demonstrate leadership in clinical evaluation, working with key stakeholders, including the ABS Academic and Research

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Committee and iBRA-NET and a patient and public involvement group. Specific objectives and key deliverables for the project include:

- To set up the evaluation study including finalisation of the protocol, database, all necessary governance processes
- Identification of relevant pathways and recruitment of centres into the evaluation
- Delivery of the multicentre evaluation
- Drafting of annual report to ABS Trustees and manuscript(s) for peer review and publication
- Review of funding opportunities and consideration of development of further ongoing work and research to address pressures on breast unit diagnostic services

The Nursing Lead will support the Clinical Lead in delivering these objectives.

Please send applications to Lucy Davies with a covering letter detailing why you would be suitable for the role and short CV (max 4 sides).

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 17th August at 9am. Interviews will be held online on Tuesday 30th August 2022 or a date thereafter.