

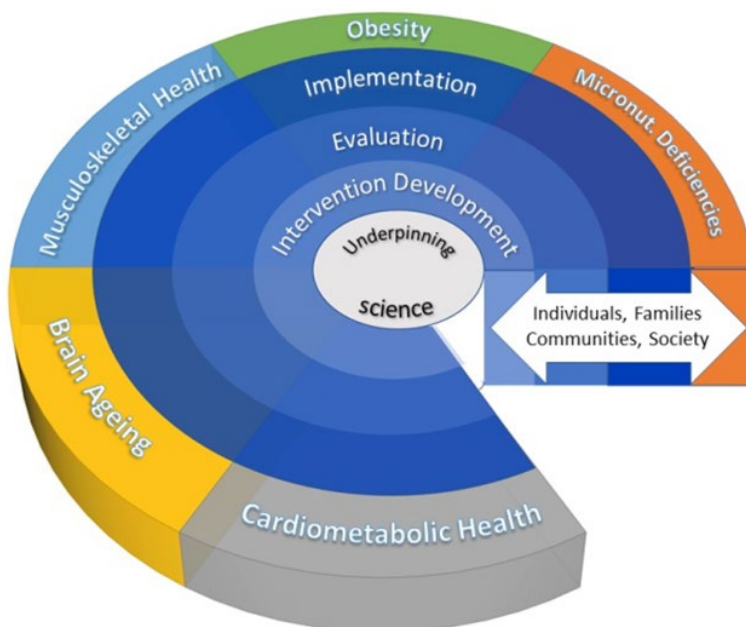


Recruitment of additional Workstream Leads for *Centre for Healthier Lives*

The [Centre for Healthier Lives](#) is inviting applications from those interested in leading our Workstreams. The successful applicants will provide strategic leadership for their individual Workstream and work with other members of the Steering Group to develop the **Centre** and to deliver our objectives.

About the *Centre for Healthier Lives*:

The ***Centre for Healthier Lives*** is one of the first Newcastle University Centres of Research Excellence (NUCoREs) which was launched in November 2019. Our mission is to improve public health by understanding, developing, implementing, evaluating, stratifying and translating novel interventions to change “lifestyle-related” behaviours and the wider environment.



By disrupting conventional thinking and approaches, we aim to improve health across the life-course and around the world.

Our focus is on diet, physical activity and alcohol – key behaviours that are drivers of multiple health outcomes including obesity, diabetes, cancer, depression and dementia, all of which are major public health issues globally. We aim to develop better, more effective, scalable interventions that promote better health and well-being and reduce disease risk. We aim to be internationally excellent and in the top 5 UK universities in our field.

Our Workstreams:

Our current Workstream Leads include:

- **Underpinning science:** [Prof Melissa Bateson](#)
- **Translation:** Dr Frances Hiller-Brown

We are now recruiting Leads for our Workstreams in the following key areas:

- **Intervention development:** including e.g. behaviour change psychology and interventions at all levels from the individual to national policies.
- **Evaluation of interventions:** including e.g. study design, feasibility and acceptability, qualitative and quantitative evaluation and cost effectiveness.

What the new Workstream Leads will do:

The new Workstream Leads will become members of the Steering Group for the **Centre for Healthier Lives** and contribute collectively to the strategic development of the **Centre**. In addition, each Lead will be expected to:

- Build connections with other researchers working in their Workstream area across the University and beyond;
- Identify opportunities to apply for research funding and lead collaborations within the Workstream, and with researchers from other Workstreams, to bid for research funding;
- Organise and deliver at least one event (online or in person) annually to showcase research relevant to the Workstream;
- Enhance the **Centre for Healthier Lives's** networks through interactions with key internal and external stakeholders and by representing the **Centre** at events and in meetings.

Ways of working:

We promote principles of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout our activities and encourage, and support, all researchers to be the best that they can be. Workstream Leads are expected to be excellent role models and to facilitate the development of early career researchers and other colleagues.

Benefits for Workstream Leads: By joining the Steering Group, Leads will have an opportunity to help shape the strategic development of the **Centre for Healthier Lives**. In addition, they will benefit from:

- Opportunities to develop their skills in research leadership and in undertaking multi- and inter-disciplinary research;

- Opportunities to enhance their expertise in dissemination of research findings through organisation of events and use of media;
- Networking opportunities with other **Centre** members and the wider research community;
- Greater recognition within the University and beyond.

Term of office:

Appointees should expect to carry out their role for a minimum of two years, with the possibility of extension. In keeping with our EDI principles, we encourage applications from those who wish to undertake this role as a job share.

How to apply:

Applicants for each of the Workstream Lead posts should submit their applications by email to Yasmin Ibrahim (yasmin.ibrahim@ncl.ac.uk). Applications should include:

1. A statement indicating which Workstream Lead you wish to apply for and why you think that you are the right person for the role (maximum 200 words);
2. An overview of your vision for how you would undertake that role (maximum 200 words);
3. Short CV (2 pages).

Please combine all 3 documents into a single pdf.

Deadline for applications: Monday 6 December 2021

Further information:

Potential applicants who would like to discuss the role are invited to contact the **Centre** Director Professor John Mathers by email (john.mathers@ncl.ac.uk).

