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Dr. Jenna Breckenridge is a clinical academic, holding a joint appointment as Senior Lecturer in Health Sciences at the University of Dundee and the Lead for Allied Health Professions Research in NHS Tayside. She is an Occupational Therapist by background and her career spans nearly 20 years of working in health and social science research. Her expertise is in qualitative research, knowledge mobilisation, and research capacity and culture building.



Prof. Kay Cooper is Clinical Professor of Allied Health Professions, a joint appointment between Robert Gordon University and NHS Grampian, and Associate Dean (Research) in the School of Health. Kay is also Director of the JBI Scottish Centre for Evidence-based Practice, which focuses on conducting and training others to conduct high-quality evidence syntheses. Kay's research focuses on self-management of long-term conditions, and interventions to facilitate self-management and promote physical and mental wellbeing. Kay also has an interest in health service delivery research and a passion for supporting practicing Allied Health Professionals to get into research and to use research findings within their practice.



Dr. Gearóid Brennan is the Lead Psychiatric Liaison Nurse at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh where he leads a small team of clinical nurse specialists, providing specialist mental health input to clinical toxicology, the emergency department and acute medicine. He is an NRS Career Researcher Fellow which allows him to continue developing his research career by undertaking projects related to the intersection between mental health and emergency care. He is co-chair of the Acute Response to emergency Mental Health and Substance use (ARMHS) Research Network. He is an Associate Editor with *Evidence Based Nursing*.



Kerry Jack is a Senior Charge Nurse in Paediatric Critical Care within NHS Lothian and an early career researcher. Her research interests have developed from clinical practice. While working in her fully clinical role, she is actively pursuing research opportunities with the aim of progressing towards nursing research leadership. Kerry brings insights into the realities of building a research career alongside delivering frontline care in a hands-on acute speciality and is passionate about strengthening the research culture in paediatric critical care nursing.



Dr. Heather Cameron is Director of Allied Health Professions in NHS Lothian, having taken up post in May 2020. After completing her Physiotherapy undergraduate studies in Aberdeen, she spent the early part of her NHS career in Merseyside, specialising in chronic pain and rehabilitation. Heather completed her MSc in Pain Management at the University of Leicester and went on to secure a Department of Health Fellowship award, enabling her to undertake her PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Liverpool. Returning to Scotland in 2008, Heather held several Physiotherapy and AHP leadership roles in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde before moving to NHS Lothian. Heather is passionate about supporting the development of others and believes that improvement should be driven and owned by those closest to clinical services supported by data and being evidence informed.