

Survey Assistant (Sessional)

Role purpose and duties

A team of Survey Assistants is required to assist with data collection for the Needle Exchange Surveillance Initiative (NESI) study. NESI monitors risk behaviour and the prevalence of blood-borne viruses amongst people who inject drugs in Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Government. Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) works in collaboration with the NHS to deliver this study.

To carry out the study we require a team of sessional Survey Assistants to work across a number of health board areas in Scotland between July 2019 and October 2020, beginning in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Survey Assistants will undertake fieldwork in drug treatment agencies and facilities providing needle exchange services, such as community pharmacies.

Duties include:

- Recruiting and explaining the nature of the study to participants
- Completing questionnaires face to face with participants
- Collecting blood spot samples from participants
- Ensuring all data collected is checked and safely returned to GCU

Key information

It's essential that Survey Assistants have good interpersonal and communication skills. Some research experience is desirable but not essential as specific training will be provided. Survey Assistants will be expected to attend a two day (paid) training course in preparation for fieldwork, and will receive ongoing support from GCU research staff throughout the study.

Successful candidates must be eligible to work in the UK and are required to have Disclosure Scotland approval.

We anticipate that fieldwork will commence in July 2019. Survey Assistants will be paid at a rate of £8.75 per hour. Hours are variable up to a maximum of 37.5 hours per week.

To apply

Applicants should send a CV and covering letter, including the names of two referees, by email to:
Dr Andrew McAuley (Senior Research Fellow, GCU School of Health & Life Sciences) at
andrew.mcauley@nhs.net

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 23 April 2019 and interviews are planned for Tuesday 30 April 2019.

For informal enquires please contact Dr McAuley by email in the first instance.