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**What are community care co-ordinators’
experience of recruiting patients from
community mental health teams to
research studies?**

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Project aims and objectives



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Health Research*

- To investigate barriers to recruitment and the role of care coordinators in facilitating this.
- To investigate whether the role of care coordinators in recruitment to research has been studied before.
- To investigate the experience/opinion care coordinators have about recruiting from cmhts for a variety of mental health research; observational and interventional studies.

Project plan

- What have you achieved so far?
 - Defined scope of the project
 - Several versions of the literature search
- What are your plans for the second half of the internship?
 - Complete four interviews with care coordinators and thematic analysis
 - Write up for publication

Lessons learned

- Support & Opportunities
- Difficulty finding articles
- Searching the literature is an art form
- Importance of faith in the original idea

Obstacles/challenges

- Literature search – doubting my ability
- Concerns about opinions of some team members
- Balancing work commitments and time for internship

Key achievements:

- Support from line management.
- Spoke at MFT Clinical Research Nurse quarterly meeting.
- Applying for MPhil - leading to PhD in Mental Health at University of Manchester.