

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 2019-2020

Dr Sarah Joyce Final Report

1 Establish a published & interdisciplinary research-based academic profile, write and publish papers to consolidate my PhD findings in high-impact journals.

2 To realise improved birth space design guidance by communicating the PhD's recommendations in accessible media co-produced with stakeholders.

Fellowship title: Birth spaces & Maternity Units:
Co-produced architectural design guidance grounded in user
experience & communicated in accessible media
WELLBEING, HEALTH & COMMUNITIES

Fellowship mentor: Dr Joanne Greenhalgh
SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL POLICY

CONFIRMED PUBLICATIONS PAPERS:

1. *Wait and transfer, curate and presume: women's social experiences of birth space architecture*

Women and Birth Journal
[revisions under review]

2. *Don't just design another hospital ward: respectful design for respectful care* (conference paper)

European Healthcare and Design Conference 2020. Published online in SALUS Journal [September 2020]

3. *Re-naming the "birth environment" – an architect's view*

The Practising Midwife
[January 2021]

A4 INFOGRAPHICS:

1. *Setting up hospital labour rooms*
2. *How labouring women experience their homes*

The Practising Midwife [tbc 2021]

SPEAKING EVENTS FACE-TO-FACE:

1. *Designing birth spaces grounded in women's experiences of giving birth: an architect's perspective*

International Maternity Expo 2019
Presenting with Nicoletta Setola, University of Florence

2. *Sharing the PhD findings*
Invited talk City, University of London [February 2020]

3. *A case for updating the design guidance for maternity facilities*
NHS England Future Standards Working Group [February 2020]

ONLINE:

1. *Think differently about architecture*
Sensing Spaces of Healthcare project: Creative research methods workshop, University of Brighton [July 2020]

2. *Don't just design another hospital ward: respectful design for respectful care*
European Healthcare and Design Conference 2020.
[September 2020]

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FACE-TO-FACE:

1. *Stalls at Baby Week Leeds 2019 and Leeds General Infirmary maternity entrance*

• Meeting Hiliary Benn MP

2. *Parent representative on the Leeds Maternity Voices Partnership:*

• Monthly "Walking the Patch"
• Meetings with other parent reps and professionals
• Attending public engagement events for the consultation on the new maternity hospital

3. *Member of NHS England Future Standards Working Group meetings*

4. *Member of Leeds City Council, "3P Network" meetings (Public Health, families and parenting)*

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Wellcome Trust and Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships
Project title: The architecture of postnatal spaces: parents' experiences after childbirth

SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC JOB APPLICATION

Senior Lecturer in Interior Architecture at Leeds Beckett University starting in October 2020.

RESEARCH IMPACT

1. Shortlisted entry into the RIBA Design Competition: Design after Covid-19. Entry title: Childbirth made personal [July 2020]

[RIBA Journal Rethink2025 competition shortlist](#)

2. 'Building the Leeds Way' working with the client team and Leeds NHS Maternity Voices Partnership on a new person-centred design brief for the new children and adults hospitals due for completion in 2025 [Ongoing]

3. 'Setting up hospital labour rooms' infographic shared on Twitter. 154 likes, 94 retweets, increase of 90 followers.

4. 'Sarah's End of Fellowship Showcase' online webinar.

93 tickets sold
[September 2020]
[Fellowship Webinar Video](#)