

Six month report for the steering group

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Here is a summary of what we have done so far. If you would like further information about any of the items here, please get in touch with Ivanka Antova I.Antova@qub.ac.uk

Staffing

- Research fellow: Dr Ivanka Antova recruited at the end of February 2019, based in Queen's University Belfast, Dr Mark Flear is line manager.

Street ethnography

- We negotiated with the ESRC and added one, potentially two, locations (Derry and Ballymena) on the basis of an updated rationale behind the chosen locations and the data that can be gathered.
- Sheffield: we tested the ethnographic methods and rationale and confirmed it was all working, including the equipment and the locations.
- Newry: we did a full week of ethnography, networking and community connections building. We gathered interesting information about Brexit, the border and health.
- Rochdale: we did a full week of ethnography, networking and community connections building. We learned lessons for what works in terms of street ethnography and updated our health and safety protocol.
- Rotherham: we did a full week of ethnography, networking and community connections building. We made important local connections and potentially arranged a new outcome for the project, namely an information summary for Rotherham Town Council.
- One, potentially two, sites are upcoming: Derry and Ballymena.

Ethnography results and themes

- We have carried out more than 200 street conversations so far.
- We have used reflexivity as a method when debriefing after each fieldwork trip, in order to give a fuller account of the data we have gathered.
- We have recorded our initial impressions, observations and any other connections between Brexit and health that we have come across.
- Several themes/narratives/tropes of language have emerged, for example disconnection from Brexit and the predominant use of the metaphor 'bullshit'.
- In a separate record we have gathered data from more in-depth conversations with local activists, campaigners, political representatives, health professionals, etc.
- We have gathered and fostered a number of valuable local connections, which we will build upon when organising the forthcoming public engagement events.
- Gleadless Valley: big public engagement with a follow up. Dr Matt Wood organised an innovative event with colleagues and students from the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University where academics and members of the public got together to discuss Brexit. The project film team were present.

Elite semi-structured interviews: results, transcriptions, themes and emerging outputs.

- We have conducted 11 elite interviews; 5 of these have been transcribed.
- Interview data confirms and expands existing knowledge from the earlier UKICE project on Brexit and health law: all our elite interviewees see Brexit as a major negative for health and the NHS
- We have worked on or are working on follow-up legal and/or policy analysis and detailed briefings for
 - Faculty of Public Health
 - Kidney Care UK
 - Cancer Research UK
 - British Medical Association (in Northern Ireland)

Outputs

- Academic conferences:
 - we have presented papers at:
 - Jean Monnet Network workshop, Copenhagen, in June 2019
 - Disruptive healthcare technologies and the patient, Manchester, in June 2019
 - Health Law & Ethics Network, Dublin, in May 2019
 - SLSA in April 2019
 - University of Ottawa Health Law and Public unit in March 2019
 - we have papers accepted at: SLS in September 2019 and UACES in September 2019
 - we have submitted abstracts to: CLC in September 2019 and the ECPR in September 2019
- Public engagements:
 - we have presented the project at:
 - a Faculty of Public Health event in June 2019
 - an APPG meeting in April 2019
 - The Mason Institute in Edinburgh in March 2019
 - a London Public Health Registrar Training event in March 2019
 - a Britain in Europe think tank roundtable in February 2019
 - a British Civil Society Alliance event in January 2019
 - media engagements:
 - Interview in Sheffield Star 2 April 2019
 - Interview on Newsy US online news service 1 March 2019
 - Interview on BBC World Service *Newsday* 28 February 2019
 - Interview on BBC World Service *World Business Report* 7 February 2019
- Publications:
 - Journal articles:
 - Nick Fahy, Tamara Hervey, Scott Greer, Holly Jarman, David Stuckler, Mike Galsworthy, Martin McKee, 'How will Brexit affect health services in the UK? An updated evaluation' (2019) *Lancet* 393, 949–58
 - Blogs

- Tamara Hervey, 'How can legal scholars study cultures far from their own?' (2019) published on the SLSA blog
 - Stuart Elborn, Mark Flear, and Damian Downey, 'Implications of "no deal" Brexit for orphan and paediatric medicines' (2019), published in the BMJ Opinion blog
 - Tamara Hervey and Steve Peers, 'What might have happened in an alternate universe: the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Implementation Bill ('WAB')' (2019), published in the EU Law Analysis blog
 - Tamara Hervey and John Middleton, 'Health in future UK trade deals' (2019), published in The BMJ Opinion blog
- Other:
 - Expert advice to the Good Law Project (Director Jolyon Maugham QC) on judicial review of regulations on serious shortage protocols February 2019. Quoted in press release and crowdfunder page. Helped write the pre-action protocol letter. Provided expert witness statement. Permission refused by Court of Appeal.

Documentary film

We are in the process of putting together a documentary film on Brexit and health with the working title of 'Brexit, health and me'. We are working together with ShoutOutUK. This is a work in progress: we have had a good start, gathered valuable footage, but further work on clarifying the message and organising all information and footage is needed.

Current work in addition to the above:

- Gathering and reviewing literature: we are building up our literature review and our current work is based around work in progress on law/legality/legitimacy and metaphors; ethnographic methods in political science and law; and on responsabilisation and health governance.

Future work:

- Legal analysis: we will continue to carry out doctrinal legal research on health law after Brexit, working with our co-producers from the health policy field.
- Qualitative data: we will continue to evolve our ethnographic method, reflecting on our all the conversations we have gathered, as a team, analysing them in terms of narratives and metaphors, and writing further reflective field notes. We will continue to think about how to do ethnographic work in a team setting, perhaps experimenting with longer conversations within the team at which the fieldwork notes are elaborated further.

Practical:

- Budget: we are carrying out regular budget updates and have made sure to not overspend in our various activities.
- Equipment: we have bought a table, chairs and a branded tablecloth for each University (Sheffield and QUB) to use during the fieldwork trips. We have also purchased a voice recorder and are currently purchasing a laptop for the PGRF.