

Health Governance After Brexit: Law, Language and Legitimacy  
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**Six-month report for the steering group**

August 2019-February 2020

Here is a summary of what we have done in the last six months. If you would like further information about any of the items here, please get in touch with Ivanka Antova I.[Antova@qub.ac.uk](mailto:Antova@qub.ac.uk)

**Staffing**

- We worked with four students, Roisie Connolly QUB and Szilvi Mattinson Sheffield, who transcribed the elite interviews; Sarah McCloskey York (paid for by Tammy's consultancy fees) and Darcy Foster Sheffield (paid for by the University of Sheffield's Undergraduate Research Experience scheme).
- Sarah Beedham left Sheffield Law School and Luke Pavoni joined the team providing administrative support and especially the Twitterfeed and website

**Street ethnography, results and themes**

- We finished all the planned street ethnography, in five field sites (Sheffield (pilot); Newry; Rotherham; Rochdale; Derry). We have over 400 conversations recorded; double what was promised in the bid.
- We have coded all of Matt's conversations, using a team coding method, and we are over half way through coding Ivanka's conversations. The coding has revealed six key themes in the conversations, and multiple associated metaphors/narratives. Coding is ongoing, continuing and developing the reflexive team-based method outlined in the August 2019 report.
- Matt is working on a conference paper (for PSA, Edinburgh), and journal article, about the street ethnography.

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

- We completed the transcription of our elite interviews.
- We have completed detailed 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) x 2
- Work is ongoing with
  - Cancer Research UK
  - NHS Confederation
- We remain open to further approaches from/co-production with our health policy sector collaborators, and others in the sector.

**Outputs**

- Academic conferences/workshops:
  - We have presented papers at:
    - Critical Legal Conference in September 2019

- The European Consortium for Political Research Annual Conference in September 2019
- The Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference in September 2019
- The University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Annual Conference in September 2019
- The Health of the Future: Perspective and new challenges of Health Law, Bologna, in October 2019
- The Cambridge European Legal Studies lunchtime seminar, in October 2019
- The Northern Medical Humanities Network Conference, in January 2020
- We have two papers accepted at PSA in March 2020
- We have submitted abstracts to:
  - Law & Society in June 2020
  - UACES in September 2020
- Public/policy engagements:
  - we have presented the project at:
    - The Scottish HR Leadership Group in October 2019
    - Joint Committee for Health of the Oireachtas in November 2019
    - Cancer Research UK private meeting in January 2019
  - blogs
    - Matt wrote a blog post on Brexit and the metaphor of 'Bullshit' for the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI) blog in September 2019.
    - Tammy and Martin Mckee wrote a blog post for the British Medical Journal Opinion section on The Withdrawal Agreement Bill and “Do No Harm” to health in October 2019.
    - Ivanka and Mark published a piece titled ‘Health and Brexit: voices from NI on the QUB Policy Engagement blog in December 2019.
  - media engagements:
    - Tammy gave an interview for the German radio Deutschland Funk Kultur on the topic of health and Brexit in August 2019.
    - Tammy signed a letter to the Guardian highlighting the danger of ‘no-deal Brexit’ for health that was written by the president of the Faculty of Public Health and 28 other health policy scholars and practitioners in September 2019.
    - Tammy was a guest on the "The Voice of Islam" morning radio show to discuss the topic: No-deal Brexit still threatening vital medicine supplies despite contingency planning in October 2019.
    - Tammy was quoted in the *Reuters* article ‘HIV positive in Spain could lose healthcare post-Brexit’ in October 2019.
    - Tammy was quoted in an article in *Chemistry World* on science being under threat by Brexit uncertainty prior to the 2019 elections in November 2019.
    - Tammy gave an interview for the international press outlet *Xinhua* on health care being a top issue in the UK in November 2019.

- Tammy was interviewed on BBC Radio Sheffield on 13 December 2019.
- Matt was interviewed by the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio about Brexit Day on 31 January 2020.
- Publications:
  - Journal articles:
    - Article in *The Law Teacher* on Northern Irish legal education after Brexit in March 2019. Mark co-authored the article with Daithi Mac Sithigh, and Tammy co-edited the journal with Chloe Wallace.
    - Article in the *British Medical Journal* on assessing the health effects of a “no deal” Brexit in August 2019.
    - A chapter on Brexit, biobanking and GDPR perspectives in August 2019. Tammy co-wrote the paper assessing the health effects of a no-deal Brexit and the article was referenced in a BBC news report in September 2019.
    - Article in the *British Medical Journal* on the coronavirus and the fragmentation of European health protection systems due to Brexit.
    - Special issue of the *European Journal of Risk Regulation* on European Union governance of health crisis and disaster management. Includes an article by Mark.
    - Article on Academic Outreach and Engagement in Sheffield in *Political insight* in November 2019.
    - Article on procedural mechanisms of accountability, transparency, inclusiveness and openness in EU governance in *Public Administration* in December 2019.
    - Special issue of the *Public Administration* edited by Matt in December 2019.
  - Other:
    - Tammy wrote a piece for *The Conversation* titled on some of the key findings from our ethnographic fieldwork in Northern Ireland and England in December 2019.

#### Documentary film

- ShoutOutUK have completed filming and editing is almost complete. We filmed more footage (of us talking about the research) than originally planned as the original cut was insufficiently accurate in terms of reflecting the project’s findings. The film will be launched in QUB on 10 March 2020, and we cordially invite our Advisory Board members to attend.
- ShoutOutUK have a dissemination plan for the film, which includes secondary schools across the UK; through its social media channels; and at documentary film festivals.

#### Current work in addition to the above:

- Most of the project team is now focusing on academic outputs, locating ourselves in various literatures, and contributing to methodological development in the field of social science.
- An approach to the Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation for a pilot benchmarking health law and policy changes post-Brexit was (so far) unsuccessful, although Nuffield in particular are very interested.

Future work:

- Dissemination: we are planning dissemination events in each of our field sites, as well as an event in London. These will be tailored to local needs and will mainly focused around Q&A and the film (a short version will be made available for this purpose). Some events may involve collaboration with other Governance after Brexit teams.
- Legal analysis: we (in particular Tammy) will continue to carry out doctrinal legal research on health law after Brexit, working with our co-producers from the health policy field.

Practical:

- Budget: we are carrying out regular budget updates and have made sure to not overspend in our various activities. We are pushing the edge of our budget envelope.