

University of Leeds, U.K.

Six Research Associate/Fellow Posts

The closing date is 27th January 2022, with interviews in w/c 14th February 2022.

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a research interest in policing and vulnerable groups, and the interactions between them and other service providers? Are you committed to advancing understanding and shaping policies and practice in policing futures? Do you want to further your career at a leading research-intensive University?

You will work within the new ESRC funded research centre 'Vulnerability and Policing Futures', jointly led from York and Leeds universities by Professor Charlie Lloyd and Professor Adam Crawford along with a team of over 25 leading researchers from diverse social science disciplines.

Working with a large team that includes data scientists, qualitative researchers, Associated PhD researchers and professional support staff, and alongside 38 regional, national and international partners, you will play an important role, assuming significant fieldwork and data collection responsibilities, as well as contributing to data analysis and writing up the findings. With a doctorate (or equivalent research experience) relevant to this research field and proven experience of empirical research, you will work with and support project work, that will include: conducting research activities and fieldwork; collecting data; synthesising existing evidence, developing research collaborations, report writing, and liaising with project partners.

These six posts represent an unparalleled opportunity to work on an exciting, new initiative in the field of Vulnerabilities and Policing. The *Vulnerability and Policing Futures* Research Centre is one of six recently announced [ESRC Centres](#) and aims to build new interdisciplinary knowledge from problem-based and place-based perspectives about the interactions between vulnerability and service providers' responses and to use these finding to build new, integrated and innovative approaches to harm reduction that address the needs of vulnerable groups. It has been

funded over a five year period, from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2027, with the potential for a further five years of tapered funding thereafter. These are 5 year fixed term appointments, offering excellent development opportunities over this period.

You will work with Professor Charlie Lloyd (York), Professor Adam Crawford (Leeds) and a large team of academics and project partners across the country. You will be based in a supportive team, located at either York or Leeds and will work alongside the other research associates/fellows in delivering a number of research projects across our three work strands. All of this research will involve work on vulnerability and policing, whether working alongside data analysts to understand how policing interventions impact on the development of vulnerability in particular locations or researching the policing of particular vulnerable groups, such as those caught up in county lines, domestic violence, mental illness, online child sexual exploitation, modern slavery or homelessness. You will contribute to team meetings and, with the support of senior academics, present findings from your research to a variety of professional and public audiences.

These posts offer excellent potential to develop outstanding research careers. A generous training budget will be available and you will also be encouraged to attend conferences and other events, and publish research in leading academic journals. You will also play an active role in research translation, application and impact, working with police, public service and NGO partners on policy and practice development.

Further information about the new ESRC Vulnerability and Policing Futures Research Centre is available from the institutional press releases for [York](#) and [Leeds](#).

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Here is the link to the Leeds Job advert:

<https://jobs.leeds.ac.uk/vacancy.aspx?ref=ESLLW1172>

Here is the link to the York Job advert:

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