

## **CFAS-Wales Publication Policy**

### **Aims:**

- 1) To ensure maximum impact of the CFAS Wales study**
- 2) To ensure consistency of reporting and data across publications**
- 3) To ensure proper acknowledgement of funding agencies and other contributors to the project**

### **Web-site:**

All publications and outputs will be listed on the CFAS Wales web-site and made available as appropriate.

### **Publication scenarios:**

- 1) Publications relating to the core aims of the study – using CFAS Wales data only**

### **Authorship:**

Publications arising directly from the CFAS-Wales study will adhere to the BMJ (2009) guidelines on authorship and contributorship. These state that ‘authorship credit should reflect substantial contribution to:

- conception and design, or analysis and interpretation of data;
- drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content;
- and final approval of the version to be published.

All these conditions must be met. Participation solely in the acquisition of funding or the collection of data does not justify authorship’.

CFAS-Wales will apply the BMJ guidelines *inclusively*, in that the distribution list for successive drafts of all proposed papers, will *include* all potential authors who have made ‘substantial contributions to conception and design’ so that they have opportunity for critical revision, final approval and thus authorship. All co-investigators will have the opportunity to be involved in this process.

For papers arising *directly* from the funded research proposal, the authorship style “A, B & C on behalf of the CFAS WALES research team” will be used, where the paper is written by A, B & C in the sense defined by the BMJ guidelines.

Abstracts of planned papers will be circulated to members of the Project Management Group. The lead applicant for specific research questions will normally take the lead in preparing these. They will include data to be used, planned analyses and target journal, together with an indication of the likely writing group. Where appropriate, the project statistician will ensure the most up-to-date and accurate data set is being used and that consistency of derived variables is maintained. The Chief Investigator (CI) of CFAS WALES is responsible for coordinating and approving the submission of all scientific papers and presentations arising from CFAS WALES on the advice of the Principal

Investigators and CFAS Wales Management Group. This includes agreeing both content and structure and where submitted.

**Acknowledgements:**

Wording of the form 'This study draws on the CFAS Wales data set' to be included in the paper abstract, and the data version specified in the text of the paper.

'The CFAS Wales study was funded by the ESRC (RES-060-25-0060) and HEFCW as 'Maintaining function and well-being in later life: a longitudinal cohort study', (Principal Investigators: R.T Woods, L.Clare, G.Windle, V. Burholt, J. Philips, C. Brayne, C. McCracken, K. Bennett, F. Matthews).

We are grateful to the NISCHR Clinical Research Centre for their assistance in tracing participants and in interviewing and in collecting blood samples, and to general practices in the study areas for their cooperation.

All scientific papers will acknowledge formal and informal contributions to CFAS WALES, including funding and sponsoring organisations, research networks and scientific collaborators. The leading author of each paper is responsible for obtaining electronic or written permission from all people acknowledged by name.

**2) Publications arising from linked PhD projects associated with / using CFAS Wales data**

**Authorship:**

The authorship style will be "D, E & F in collaboration with the CFAS WALES research team" for papers written by D, E & F in the BMJ sense, that use CFAS WALES data but do *not* arise *directly* from the funded research proposal (but do arise from linked PhD studentships). Normally, D will be the PhD student and the project supervisors will be included in the authorship list as second / third author.

Where CFAS Wales data is to be used, abstracts of planned papers will be circulated to members of the Project Management Group by the PhD supervisor. They will include data to be used, planned analyses and target journal. Where appropriate, the project statistician will ensure the most up-to-date and accurate data set is being used and that consistency of derived variables is maintained.

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### **3) Publications arising from use of CFAS Wales data by external collaborators**

#### **Data Requests:**

See: the CFAS Wales '**Protocol for requests to use data/access participants for bolt on studies**'

<http://cfaswales.bangor.ac.uk/documents/Protocolforrequeststousedatadraft1i.pdf>

#### **Authorship:**

Authorship will be proposed and negotiated in relation to the specifics of the data request form. The preferred form will be: "D, E & F in collaboration with the CFAS WALES research team" for papers written by D, E & F in the BMJ sense, where the study data is purely from CFAS Wales, but where the data is being included alongside other studies, CFAS Wales should be mentioned in the Abstract.

The Chief Investigator (CI) of CFAS WALES is responsible for coordinating and approving the submission of all scientific papers and presentations arising from CFAS WALES on the advice of the Principal Investigators and CFAS Wales Management Group. This includes agreeing both content and structure and where submitted (which will be agreed at the time of data request). Draft papers should be submitted to the Chief Investigator for approval before submission. Where appropriate, the project statistician will ensure the most up-to-date and accurate data set is being used and that consistency of derived variables is maintained.

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### **4) Publications combining CFAS Wales data with CFAS I and/or CFAS II data arising from the CFAS collaboration**

#### **Authorship:**

The aim will be to merge the MRC CFAS and CFAS Wales authorship styles – it is suggested that the style 'A, B & C on behalf of the CFAS research team' or 'D,E & F in collaboration with the CFAS research team' may be appropriate.

Abstracts of planned papers will be circulated to members of the (overlapping) Project Management Groups for MRC CFAS and CFAS Wales. They will include data to be used, planned analyses and target journal, together with an indication of the likely writing group. Where appropriate, the project statistician will ensure the most up-to-date and accurate data sets are being used and that consistency of derived variables is maintained. The Chief Investigator (CI) of CFAS WALES is responsible for coordinating and approving the submission of all scientific papers and presentations arising from CFAS WALES on the advice of the Principal Investigators and CFAS Wales Management Group. This includes agreeing both content and structure and where submitted. This responsibility would be shared with the CI for MRC CFAS for papers drawing on both data sets.

#### **Acknowledgements:**

The paper reports on analysis of data sets from the MRC Cognitive Function and Ageing study (MRC CFAS,) data version x.x and from CFAS Wales, data version y.y.

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The methodology developed within this paper was validated using the MRC Cognitive Function and Ageing study (MRC CFAS) and the ESRC CFAS Wales study.

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