

**Dr Nicola Morant, Associate Professor, University College London.**

Nicola is a qualitative mental health researcher who works across a wide range of subject areas in mental health, leading and supporting qualitative work streams, often within large funded mixed-methods research programmes. This work covers a diverse range of research questions and designs including exploring lived experiences of mental ill-health, documenting experiences of service receipt and delivery, developmental work (of treatments and services), evaluation research (e.g. qualitative work embedded within randomised controlled trials), and implementation research.



Her own specific research interests centre on collaborative forms of medication management in mental health, and acute care for mental health crises. In the field of psychiatric medication management, she is interested in service users' views and experiences of taking medication, how medication decisions are made with prescribers, and how shared decision making processes can be applied to these settings.

In the field of acute mental healthcare, she has led qualitative work across a number of projects exploring crisis care provided in psychiatric hospital units, crisis houses, crisis resolution and home treatment teams, and acute day units. This has contributed to understanding the critical ingredients of good crisis care, and to service improvement initiatives in this area.