

## Research Bursary

### Exploration of the Impact of the First World War on Mental Health in Worcestershire



Researcher to be appointed in January 2018  
Project to be complete by December 2018

Paid research opportunity

#### Project Details

Worcester's medical museums are looking for a Researcher to study the impact that the Great War had on the mental health of both the residents of Worcestershire and those involved in war work that were treated in the County. Using archives, including the Powick Hospital patient records, held at Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service at The Hive, they will focus on answering questions about the impact that the First World War had on the type of conditions treated and the numbers of patients entered or discharged during this period. The Researcher will find out if it is possible to measure any impact of the First World War on mental health, and what this means in the wider context of mental healthcare at this time including the broader picture of what was called 'shellshock'. The Researcher will theme and edit their findings for printing in a mini publication, and for display on a pop-up banner to be toured at different Worcestershire venues.

This project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and part of the larger **Worcestershire World War 100** partnership with heritage organisations and attractions in Worcestershire. The found research will enable visitors to comment on the subject matter via the medical museums' website and social media, display panels at the George Marshall Medical Museum and The Infirmary, and the 'Debating Space' at The Infirmary. The findings will be published in a mini booklet available from both museums and The Hive.

#### Supervision

The Researcher will have regular supervision sessions with Dr. Frank Crompton, an expert in Powick Asylum and the history of mental health, Associate Fellow at the University of Birmingham Centre for the History of Medicine, and longstanding lecturer and PhD supervisor for the University of Worcester.

#### To Apply

To apply for this role please send a current CV and sample of your writing no longer than 2 sides A4 from a completed research document (e.g. dissertation, essay, published article) to Louise Price, George Marshall Medical Museum at [Louise.Price10@nhs.net](mailto:Louise.Price10@nhs.net) by 12pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.