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# **Employment**

#### Senior Lecturer

School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work Queen's University Belfast Belfast, United Kingdom 25 Oct 2021 → present

# Research outputs

Immersive virtual environments as a tool to improve confidence and role expectancy in prospective social work students: a proof-of-concept study

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#### Participatory research with children and young people: an umbrella review protocol

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## Children's participation in child welfare: a systematic review of systematic reviews

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# Challenges of child participation in child welfare system

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# Barriers to knowledge acquisition and utilization in child welfare decisions: a qualitative study

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## Permanency decisions in child welfare: A qualitative study

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#### Group Decision-Making Theories for Child and Family Social Work

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# Permanency Decisions in Child Welfare: A Qualitative Study

McCafferty, P., Duffy, J. & Hayes, D., 19 Oct 2021, (Accepted).

#### Parenting a Child with Autism: Considering the Stresses, Supports and Implications for Social Work Practice

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#### Decision-making in practice learning and education

Mc Cafferty, P., 24 Jan 2021, In: Journal of Practice Teaching and Learning. 17, 3, p. 3-9 7 p.

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# Book review: Understanding Social Work Preparing for practice, 2015, (4th edition) Neil Thompson Mc Cafferty, P., 17 Apr 2020, In: Journal of Practice Teaching and Learning. 17, 1

### Risk, Decision-making and Assessment in Child Welfare

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# What knowledge do social workers use to make decisions with regards to the permanency arrangements for Looked after Children?

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# Using knowledge in assessing risk and making child welfare permanency decisions: A qualitative study. Mc Cafferty, P., 03 Oct 2019.

# What knowledge do social workers use to make decisions with regards to the permanency arrangements for Looked after Children?

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Using knowledge to inform permanency decisions in child welfare McCafferty, P., 04 Oct 2018.

Creating critically informed practitioners in post-qualifying education using digital learning technology McCafferty, P., 10 Sept 2018.

# Knowledge informed decision-making in child safeguarding

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#### Social work education in a digital age

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# What knowledge do social workers use to inform their decision regarding permanency recommendations for Looked after Children?

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Knowledge utilization in permanency decisions for Looked after Children.

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# Challenges and opportunities: Implementing Article 12 of the UNCRC

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#### Challenges and opportunities: Implementing Article 12 of the UNCRC

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PPT Feedback: From monologue to dialogue + Let's talk? Critically informed feedback in practice learning paper presented at conference

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The challenges of implementing Article 12 of the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child McCafferty, P., 04 May 2016.

#### Feedback as dialogue

McCafferty, P., 01 Mar 2016.

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#### The impact of poverty on the well-being of 16yr olds

McCafferty, P., 2016

A small scale project that involved citizens in the education of social work students during their placement in Northern Ireland

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#### How group supervision effects competency.

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#### The impact of teaching inputs by service users to social work students on placement

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## Developing a model for supervising social work students in groups

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#### Group Supervision for social work students

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# The impact of group supervision as a method of achieving competence

McCafferty, P., 2005, (Unpublished)

# Group supervision for social work students on placement: An international comparison.

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#### Group supervision: A model for best practice.

McCafferty, P., 05 Mar 2003.

# Theory and practice for supervising social work students in groups.

McCafferty, P., 01 Jan 2003.

# **Activities**

# Children's Rights in Practice Special Interest Group International Online Seminar

Paul McCafferty (Organiser)

13 Mar 2024

# Decision making in child welfare

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker)

# **QUB Artificial Intelligence Working Group**

Paul McCafferty (Participant) 01 Jun 2023

#### Social Intervention: A European and International Perspective

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 05 May 2023

#### Working with risk in child welfare

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 16 Feb 2023

#### Voice of Young People in Care (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Board Member) 01 Jan 2023 → ...

# European Social Work Research Association Special Interest Group - Children's Rights in Practice (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Chair)

01 Oct 2022 → ...

# ResearchGate (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Chair) 01 Aug 2022 → ...

# Esther Mercado García

Karen Winter (Host) & Paul McCafferty (Host) 01 May 2022 → 01 Oct 2022

# Child Abuse Review (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Associate editor) 04 Apr 2022 → ...

# Decision-making in child welfare. Knowledge acquisition and utilization

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 17 Feb 2022

#### Joint University Council on Social Work Education (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member)

02 Feb 2022 → ...

# Children and Youth Services Review (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer) 01 Jan 2022 → ...

## COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2022

# Societies (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer) 01 Nov 2021 → ...

#### Making decisions in social work

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 04 Apr 2021

# Decision-making in child welfare. Challenges and opportunities

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 01 Mar 2021

#### Journal of Practice Teaching and Learning (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Guest editor) 24 Jan 2021

### Erasmus+ (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member), Karen Winter (Member), Wendy Eerdekens (Member), Esther Mercado García (Member) & Inger Sofie Dahlø Husby (Member)
01 Jan 2021 → ...

#### Erasmus+ funded European Project for Children's Participation (PANDA) (External organisation)

Wendy Eederkens (Chair), Inger Sofie Husby (Member), Randi Juul (Member), Esther Mercado -Garcia (Member), Karen Winter (Member) & Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2020 → 01 Jan 2023

# European Social Work Research Association (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2020

#### Mental Health Awareness Week 2019 at QUB

John Moriarty (Presenter), Trisha Forbes (Presenter), Karen Galway (Presenter), Paul Best (Presenter), Paul McCafferty (Presenter), Estelle Lowry (Presenter) & Aideen Maguire (Presenter)

16 May 2019

# Decisions in child welfare. The knowledge used to decide

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 03 Feb 2019

### Centre for Children's Rights (Organisational unit)

Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2019 → ...

### European Social Work Research Association (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2019 → ...

#### International Journal of Children's Rights (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer) 01 Jan 2019 → ...

#### Nordic Social Work Research (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer) 01 Jan 2019 → ...

#### Sean Holland

Paul McCafferty (Host) 17 Oct 2018

#### **NIASW NIASW**

Paul McCafferty (Host) 15 Sept 2018 → ...

#### Child Care in Practice (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Member of the board of directors) 01 Jan 2018  $\rightarrow \dots$ 

#### Anne McGlade

Paul McCafferty (Host) 2018 → ...

#### Child Care in Practice (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Guest editor) 2018 → 2020

### Children's participation in child protection: From rhetoric to reality

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker)

2018 → ...

# European Social Work Research Association (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member)

2018 → ...

# Journal of Practice Teaching in Health and Social Work (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Editorial board member)

2018 → ...

# Northern Ireland Association for Social WorkersLessons from front line practice

Paul McCafferty (Speaker)

2018

# Immersive Technologies and Digital Mental Health Network (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member)

01 Jan 2017 → ...

# British Association of Social Work Northern Ireland (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member)

01 Jan 2017 → ...

# Journal of Practice Teaching and Learning (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Associate editor) 01 Jan 2017 → 01 Jan 2023

#### British Association of Social Workers (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member)

2017 → ...

#### Child Care in Practice (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Editorial board member)

2017 → ...

#### Feedback theory and practice to social work students

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 2017

# Mindfulness for social work practice QUB

Paul McCafferty (Member of programme committee) 2017

#### Neill Abell

Paul McCafferty (Host)  $2017 \rightarrow ...$ 

# Social Work Careers Fair

Paul McCafferty (Organiser) 2017

# Decision Making, Assessment and Risk Special Interest Group. European Social Work Research Association (External organisation)

Paul McCafferty (Member) 01 Jan 2016 → ...

# Involving children and young people in child safeguarding decision-making

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 2016

# Western Health and Social Care Trust - Children and Young Person's Participation Group

Paul McCafferty (Advisor) 2016 → ...

# Dialogic Feedback to Social Work Students

Paul McCafferty (Invited speaker) 2015

### Child Care in Practice (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer) 2014 → ...

# Journal of Practice Teaching in Health and Social Work (Journal)

Paul McCafferty (Peer reviewer)

2014 → ...