



# An actor-network approach to HCW influenza immunisation in Wales 2009-11

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- Interdisciplinary - Epidemiology and Sociology
- Longitudinal – Before, during and after the 2009-10 H1N1 influenza pandemic
- Qualitative data – Semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions; documentary analysis
- Fieldwork – 34 participants: 21 semi-structured interviews and 4 focus group discussions; documentary analysis
- Analysis based on Actor Network Theory (A.N.T.)

- Macro level – inserting influenza vaccines into Local Health Boards (LHBs)
- Meso level – LHBs inserting influenza vaccines into hospitals
- Micro level – inserting influenza vaccines into work sites and individual healthcare workers
- Bioethical issues of healthcare worker influenza immunisation

- Supra national and national organisations, ‘Green Book’, College Guidelines, Acts of Parliament, Regulations and Codes
- Pandemic – new LHBs, PHW, HPA, CMOs, WAG
- Post pandemic – LHBs still new, 50% target, PHW

- Occupational Health – pivotal actors
- Funding of the programme
- Pandemic
- Post pandemic
- Nurse managers and vaccination champions

- HCW knowledge versus experience
- Risk and priority groups
- Patient versus HCW/family protection
- Access to vaccines

- Duty of care and not to infect others outlined in 'Green Book'
- HCWs' ethical values
- Mandatory vaccination versus incentives
- Access to vaccines

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