



Vikki Entwistle is currently Professor of Health Services Research and Ethics at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK.

Vikki's research is highly interdisciplinary and collaborative. She draws particularly on social sciences and philosophy, and works closely with clinicians and patient-advocates as well as other academic colleagues to support the development of clear and practical thinking about how health care policy and practice can contribute to human flourishing.

Vikki's interests in ethics developed while she was working in applied health services research contexts tackling questions about how to improve the quality (especially the effectiveness, safety and 'person-centredness') of health care. In the mid-1990s as she contributed to the development of (then innovative) research-based information resources to help patients and health

professionals consider the effectiveness of different healthcare options, she recognised a need for judgements of effectiveness to better reflect patients' perspectives. She then started to raise and tackle questions about patients' involvement in both treatment decision-making and research agenda setting. Several of her studies of patients' perspectives illuminated important shortfalls in prevailing choice-dominated discourse on patient involvement. With supportive encouragement particularly from FAB member Wendy Rogers (now Professor of Clinical Ethics at Macquarie University), and facilitated by her mid-career study of philosophy, Vikki turned to feminist writing on relational theorising about autonomy. She has used this fruitfully to develop thinking about 'shared decision-making', clinician-patient relationships and communication about screening.

In recent work, Vikki has also drawn on a capabilities approach to thinking about quality of life to develop ideas about person-centred practice and professional support for 'self-management' among people living with long-term conditions. Vikki is currently particularly interested in the ethical tensions that clinicians must navigate as they strive to provide health care that is good in multiple senses at once. She is looking forward to started work on a major new collaborative project with Professor Alan Cribb (King's College London) investigating what applied philosophy and ethics can offer to quality improvement in health care.

Vikki's main teaching responsibility is currently an elective course on Values and Ethics in Public Health, offered to students following an MPH or MSc in Global Health and Management Programme.

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