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Form to be completed in full please:

Dates that the study / research project will be live (date from and to):

February 2024 – December 2024

Name of SCoR member and contact details for web page publication:

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Information to be displayed on web page:

Clinical radiography practice: The psychological effects on radiographers in the UK

Are you an HCPC registered Diagnostic Radiographer working in the UK in either a clinical or Higher Education Institute?

Are you interested in the psychological well-being of radiographers?

This research is seeking diagnostic radiographers to participate in one-to-one online interviews lasting 30-45 minutes in which the psychological impacts of working as a radiographer will be explored, together with the strategies used to manage these and the support mechanisms available.

A £20 Amazon e-voucher is available for participation in this research.

If you are interested in learning more, contact Fiona MacGregor at F.MacGregor@tees.ac.uk

This study/project is funded by the College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Scheme (CoRIPS) [CoRIPS Number: 238].

Please refer to the included Participation Sheet for additional information



Participant Information Sheet

Title of Study: Clinical Radiography Practice: The Psychological Effects on Radiographers in the UK.

Principal Investigators: Fiona MacGregor, Radiographer and Kate Swainston, Doctor of Health Psychology.

I would like to invite you to take part in a research study. This information sheet will give you an insight into the study and what your participation would involve. Before you decide, you are encouraged to read this sheet in full. Please contact Fiona MacGregor (details below) if there is anything that is not clear to you. You are welcome to talk to others about the study if you wish. If on reading this information you wish to participate, please email Fiona MacGregor: f.macgregor@tees.ac.uk.

What is the purpose of the study?

This research is being funded by the College of Radiographers and aims to gain insight into the psychological impact and effects of working in clinical radiography practice. The new HCPC Radiography Standards (September 2023) advise radiographers to look after their wellbeing and seek support when needed given the traumatic and distressing nature of some clinical cases. This research seeks to obtain an understanding of the psychological impact of working as a radiographer, identify how radiographers currently manage their wellbeing, what support mechanisms are available to them and the barriers and facilitators to accessing support. We hope to gather the perspectives from radiographers across a range of clinical settings.

Why am I being invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part as you are over 18 years of age, work as a diagnostic radiographer, and may be able to help us answer our research interview questions.

What would I be asked to do if I chose to take part?

If you agree to participate in the study, you will be asked to take part in an interview with the research team to talk to us about your work, the support systems in the place in which you are working and the impact of cases on your wellbeing. **The interview will take place online via Microsoft Teams at a time and day that is convenient to you and the interviewer. The interview will last on average 30-45 minutes and certainly will last no longer than one hour.** The interview will be audio and visually recorded and transcribed verbatim (word-for-word). The recording of the interview will be destroyed once the transcript has been completed (4 weeks from the date of the interview). We will also ask you to share some demographic information about you (your age and gender) and we will combine this information with the other individuals taking part as part of our description of the study.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide to join the study. You do not have to take part. If you agree to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form which you will need to email to Fiona MacGregor (f.macgregor@tees.ac.uk) before commencing the interview. This will be stored securely on a password-protected database at Teesside University database in accordance with GDPR, (2018) regulations. Deciding not to take part, or withdrawing from the study, will not affect you in any way.

What are the possible disadvantages, or risks, of taking part?

There are minimal risks or disadvantages to taking part. You may experience emotional discomfort when discussing the impact of working as a radiographer on your well-being. If this occurs let the researcher know and the interview can be paused/stopped at any stage. If you are still feeling distressed, then we will signpost you to further sources of ongoing support, such as The Samaritans: <http://www.samaritans.org> or Frontline 19: <http://www.frontline19.com>

Should any abusive or unprofessional behaviours or actions be disclosed and/or discovered then confidentiality will be breached and raised within the research team in the first instance.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

On completion of your interview, you will receive a £20 Amazon e-voucher. This will be emailed to you using the email address you have provided that was used to facilitate your Microsoft Teams interview. The research team hope to use the information gained during this project to develop further research and education/training and identify ways to support radiographers.

What would happen to the information collected about me?

The interview data you provide will be anonymised at the point of transcription and the recordings will be deleted. The anonymised interview transcript will be kept separate from your personal information (such as your name and contact details on the consent form, age, and gender) and will only be identified by a unique code number. No individually identifiable information will be stored outside the main research team. No individual will be identified or identifiable in any publication arising from the research. We will keep all information about you safe and secure on a password-protected Teesside University database. The research team would be required to disclose your information if they have concerns regarding your well-being and/or safety.

The non-identifiable research data (interview transcripts) will be stored indefinitely on a secure password-protected server at Teesside University. This is in case other scientists wish to raise questions about the results that need checking against the data. If the study is published in a scientific journal, the non-person identifiable research dataset may be made publicly available (for example, as a supplement to the journal article, or stored in an online scientific data repository). The study consent forms will be stored on the Teesside University secure password-protected U-drive of Fiona MacGregor and retained for up to ten years following project completion.

Personal data will be processed in the public interest. This will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018.

What would happen if I started, but changed my mind?

If you decide to take part, you can withdraw up to 4 weeks after taking part in the interview, without giving a reason. There will be no negative impact on you if you choose not to take part or withdraw from the study. You can withdraw by contacting either Fiona Macgregor or Kate Swainston using the contact details at the bottom of this information sheet. All identifiable information will be permanently and securely destroyed including the interview recording.

What will happen to the findings of the research study?

We will publish the findings of the study in scientific journals and present the findings at meetings and conferences. We will use the quotes from the interviews when publishing our findings, but no personal information will be identifiable in any report, paper, or presentation.

Debrief Information

You will receive a debriefing information sheet via the email address used to facilitate your MS Team interview. This will be sent to you immediately following the completion of your interview. Within this will be details of sources of support that you can access should you wish to.

What happens if there are any problems?

If you are unhappy, or there is a problem, please talk to Fiona MacGregor by email (f.macgregor@tees.ac.uk) or Kate Swainston either by email (kate.swainston@newcastle.ac.uk) or by telephone (0191 2087562).

If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally, you can do this by contacting the Chair of the Health and Life Sciences Ethics Committee Prof. Meez Islam; M.Islam@tees.ac.uk (01642 342410)

Who has approved this study?

This study was approved by the School of Health & Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee, Teesside University (Review Reference: 2024 Feb 19440 MacGregor). This Committee includes members who are internal to the School. This study was reviewed by members of the Committee, who must provide impartial advice and avoid significant conflicts of interest.

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering whether to take part in this study. If you have any questions the Principal Investigators, Fiona or Kate, can be contacted via F.Macgregor@tees.ac.uk and kate.swainston@newcastle.ac.uk.