

TRaDiP Newsletter



Welcome to our first study newsletter, here you will find an update on our progress looking at the impact of Therapeutic Radiographer and Dietitian Prescribing. For more information about the study please see our webpage.

Welcome

The TRaDiP study began in February 2019 and will continue until November 2022. We aim to assess the impact of prescribing by dietitians and therapeutic radiographers on patients, staff and services in England.

In addition to the research progress on page two of this newsletter, we have also:

- recruited two patient and public voice expert advisors to help guide our project
- held two update meetings with our project advisory board
- we will soon be recruiting a health economics post doctoral researcher to join the team

Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic is having a huge impact on the NHS workforce, and this in turn has an impact on our study. To allow the NHS staff to focus on their front-line work, we have decided to pause the project until the end of June 2020.

We will restart our data collection as soon as it is appropriate to do so. In the meantime the project lead, Nicola Carey, can provide information about the study.

We'd like to thank everyone who has taken part and engaged with us so far and for all your contributions to this study.

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This TRaDiP study (Therapeutic Radiographer and Dietitian Prescribing) newsletter gives a brief update on the progress we've made on the study so far and our aims for the future.

If you'd like more information please do get in touch, our contact details are at the end of the letter.

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Phase 1: literature review

We've searched for existing published research on prescribing by dietitians and therapeutic radiographers. We are now analysing and writing up our findings and expect to have this completed in May.

This will be made available on the study webpage when it is published.



Phase 2: service manager interviews and prescriber questionnaires

We've completed 40 interviews with service managers across England. We have also received 25 completed surveys from qualified dietitian and therapeutic radiographer prescribers.



Phase 3: case studies

We're now preparing for phase 3 where we will shadow dietitians and therapeutic radiographers as they train to become prescribers.

We are looking for six sites where dietitians or therapeutic radiographers are beginning training from September 2020 onwards.



Focus for the future

Our focus for the coming months is to:

- continue with the service manager interviews
- continue with the prescriber questionnaires
- identify case sites and prepare for the case studies

If you are a dietitian or therapeutic radiographer about to begin prescribing training, or if you manage one of these services, please do get in touch.