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TRADIP PPV NEWSLETTER

**Therapeutic Radiographer and Dietitian Prescribing
Patient and Public Voice update**



DEFINITIONS:

Non-medical prescribing: prescribing by a qualified professional other than a doctor or dentist

Dietitian: qualified and regulated health professionals that assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutritional problems

Therapeutic Radiographer: qualified and regulated health professionals that plan and deliver radiotherapy for cancer treatment, using a wide range of technical equipment

FUNDER:

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WHAT IS TRADIP?

The TRaDiP study has been commissioned by the NIHR to assess the impact of prescribing by Therapeutic Radiographers and Dietitians. We want to look at how prescribing by these professions affects staff, services, costs and patients themselves.

Our study will do this in four stages:

- 1: a literature review to find out how much information is already available about this
- 2: interviews with service managers & surveys with prescribers to find out where and how prescribing is being used.
- 3: case studies to collect data from 10 sites where dietitians/therapeutic radiographers are prescribers or where they are training to begin prescribing. We'll speak to the prescribers, other staff and patients.
- 4: create a prescribing toolkit to share best-practice

STUDY PROGRESS

Over the last year we have completed our interviews with service managers and questionnaires for prescribers. We have also begun work in our case sites.

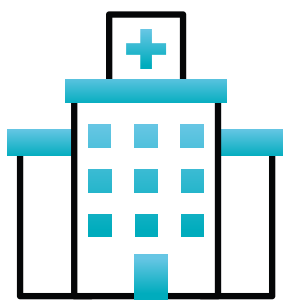
Interviews and surveys

We've now carried out follow-up interviews with 12 service managers across England and received 34 follow-up surveys from prescribers. These will show any changes in services over the last 12-18 months.



Case studies

We've tested our research methods at our pilot sites and are now working on our full case sites. Two are currently collecting data and more will be opening soon. This is a key stage in our study and is focussed on finding out patient views.



Toolkit

Work continues on developing a prescribing toolkit. We are looking for a site to host our prescribing toolkit so it can be accessed by anyone interested in non-medical prescribing.



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The Patient Voice

With work now in progress at our case sites we are really focussed on speaking to patients and finding out what they think about their care.

Patients at our case sites are invited to take part in different aspects of the study. They can complete a questionnaire, have an interview, or anonymised parts of their medical notes could be checked against best prescribing practice.

All our participants are given information about the study and have a chance to ask a researcher questions before they take part.

Unfortunately we haven't been able to speak to as many people as we would like to. We've made changes to address this: our questionnaire is now more accessible and we're planning face to face site visits.

The information we get from this is key to understanding how prescribing by dietitians and therapeutic radiographers affects patients and their care, so please do get involved if you are able to.

