



Participant Information Sheet

My name is Lisa Ashmore and I am a researcher at Lancaster University. This project is being conducted in collaboration with Vicky Singleton and Suzie Layzell, also at Lancaster University, Ali Hanbury, Rachael Eastham at Me&Her and Rachel Harris at the Society and College of Radiographers.

The project is looking to develop competencies for therapeutic radiographers when talking about sexual pleasure with people who receive treatment for cancer. The project has been approved by Lancaster University Research Ethics Committee.

Please take time to read this information sheet to fully understand what involvement in the project will involve.

What is the study about?

The purpose of this project is to consider ways in which patients' sexual wellbeing could be supported during radiotherapy treatment, through the development of staff competencies.

In this project, we want to work with radiographers to think about the role of the radiographer in supporting sexual wellbeing as well as co-creating competencies and resources for discussing sexual pleasure.

Who can take part?

We are asking for any therapeutic radiographers to respond to the call for participation.

Do I have to take part?

No. It's completely up to you to decide whether or not you take part. If you do decide to take part, please follow the link to the on-line form where you can enter your response. Your consent to submit a response is assumed by submitting the form.

What will I be asked to do if I take part?

If you want to take part, you can access the online form via the QR code on the poster or via the link: https://lancasteruni.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5hwhDxe7dfYsOvc.

As part of the research we are conducting three workshops with radiographers interested in developing competencies for supporting patients' sexual wellbeing. There will be space on the on-line form for you to enter your email address if you would like to receive more information about the workshops.

Are there any risks?

There are no risks anticipated with participating in this study. However, if you experience any distress following participation you are encouraged to inform the researcher and contact the resources provided at the end of this sheet.

Are there any benefits to taking part?

There are no direct benefits to you for taking part.

Will my data be identifiable?

The information you provide on the form will be fully anonymous.

The data collected for this study will be stored securely:

- Direct quotations from the response you submit may be used.
- Your email address will be confidential and will be stored separately from your other responses.
- The computer files will be encrypted and the computer itself password protected.

At the end of the project's timeframe, all research data will be kept securely and accessible, according to Lancaster University's Research Data Management policy (a minimum of 10 years).

Lancaster University will be the data controller for any personal information collected as part of this study. Under the GDPR you have certain rights when personal data is collected about you. You have the right to access any personal data held about you, to object to the processing of your personal information, to rectify personal data if it is inaccurate, the right to have data about you erased and, depending on the circumstances, the right to data portability. Please be aware that many of these rights are not absolute and only apply in certain circumstances. If you would like to know more about your rights in relation to your personal data, please speak to the researchers.

For further information about how Lancaster University processes personal data for research purposes and your data rights please visit: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/research/research-services/research-integrity-ethics--governance/data-protection/detailed-guidance/#lawful-basis-for-processing-research-data-371021-1>

What will happen to the results?

Information from the on-line form responses will be used to inform the development of the workshops, online learning materials and other training support.

In addition, reports may be submitted for publication in academic and professional journals. No individual participant will be identifiable in any of the published material. At the end of the project, we will send you a letter that will include details of the final intervention and the plans for the project.

Who has reviewed the project?

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Lancaster University Faculty of Health and Medicine Research Ethics Committee.

Can I invite other eligible participants to the workshops?

We would like as many radiographers as possible to complete the form. If you know of someone who would like to take part, please pass on the project details or ask them to get in touch with Lisa Ashmore on the details below.

Where can I obtain further information about the study if I need it?

If you have any questions about the study, please contact the project team via:

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Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint or raise concerns about any aspect of this study and do not want to speak to one of the researchers, you can contact:

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Resources in the event of distress

Should you feel distressed either as a result of taking part, or in the future, the following resource may be of assistance:

Samaritans: 116 123

Rethink Mental Illness: 0808 801 0525 <https://www.rethink.org/>

Women's Aid: <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/>

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

The Men's Advice Line, for male domestic abuse survivors: 0808 801 0327

Silverline (aimed at people over 55): 0800 470 8090 www.thesilverline.org.uk

The Mix, free info and support for under 25's in the UK: 0808 808 4994

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 999 5428

Rights of Women (legal advice services): <https://rightsofwomen.org.uk/get-advice/>

Further links and support on a range of topics can be found on the Women's Aid website:

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/useful-links/#1448369313660-f3033efd-8191>