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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

The project began in 2019 but was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We relaunched the study in November 2020 and it will continue until May 2023.

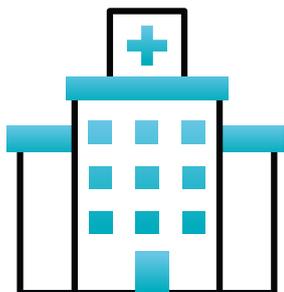
Interviews and surveys

We've spoken to 55 service managers across England and received 103 completed surveys from prescribers. Next we'll start follow-up surveys to see if anything has changed.



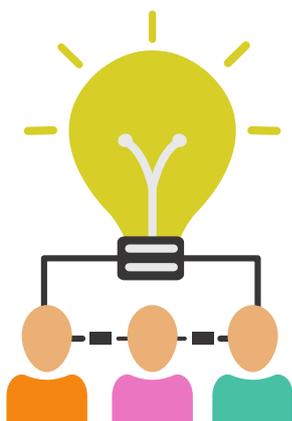
Case studies

We've identified 10 sites for our case studies and have been given approval by the Health Research Authority to carry out the work. We're now working with each site to get the studies set up.



Toolkit

We held our first Toolkit event in May. Members of the project team met virtually with service managers, prescribers and patient representatives to discuss ideas for a toolkit to help services set up non-medical prescribing in the future.



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The Patient Voice

The opinions of patients and carers are always of the utmost importance in healthcare research and TRaDiP is no exception.

The study was designed and funded in 2018 with an experienced patient and public voice advisor on the study team. In 2019 two further PPV expert advisors joined. They attend our regular project advisory group meetings and ensure the patient is always kept in mind.

In addition to these advisors, our research documents, including surveys and interview questions, are reviewed by patient panels in hospitals or at the University of Surrey.

We value the feedback and input from all our PPV advisors and panels, and reimburse them for their time and expertise.

