

# College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Research Grant

## Interim report form

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<b>1. Principal Investigator</b>	Dr Robert Higgins
<b>2. Project Title</b>	The Views and Experiences of Diagnostic and Therapy Radiography Practitioners When Caring for Persons Living with Dementia in the Department: A Qualitative Study
<b>3. Amount of Grant</b>	£7,773
<b>4. Spending – Is the money being used as indicated in your proposal (if not why)?</b>	
Money has been spent on online focus group platform and administration costs. Money yet to be spent on transcription services as this is the second phase of the study.	
<b>5. Amendments – Please provide details of any agreed amendments to your original application</b>	
n/a	
<b>6. Summary of objectives</b>	
<p>This is multi-method qualitative research project with the follow objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what imaging and therapy radiography practitioners feel are effective care strategies for persons living with dementia (PLWD).</li> <li>• Explore the current provision of training, strategies and tools for staff to support dementia care in local imaging and therapy radiography practice.</li> <li>• Develop evidence-based strategies based on existing real-world experiences and explore how these fit with current SCoR dementia policy and guidance review</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Summary of work and findings to date</b>	
<p>As of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021, we will have completed phase 1 of the project with the online focus group discussions (OFGDs). Data analysis has commenced, and saturation has been reached both with the diagnostic radiography and therapy groups. We had 15 participants for the Diagnostic Radiography OFGDs which were separated out into two OFGDs. Unfortunately, despite interest by 6 therapy radiographers, only 2 took part with the therapy OFGD. However, the data gained from this OFG was found to be in-depth and sufficient for the objectives of this study.</p> <p>Recruitment was delayed due to the original application needing revisions before being awarded which pushed back our original planned University ethics submission date. Recruitment to the OFGDs was therefore postponed until January 2021 as it was felt it would be less productive trying to do this over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Phase 1 data has been analysed using a holistic narrative approach to inductively generate semi-structured interview questions for phase 2 (interviews with the Core Group Review Stakeholders) by the PI. The OFGD data was also checked by the other researchers to ensure trustworthiness of findings. Common similarities / themes identified across each OFGD narrative account included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and training around PLWD (knowledge of existing PLWD guidance (local and national); concerns around capacity &amp; consent when caring for PLWD; undergraduate and/or foundation level teaching/training; resources that link to radiographers).</li> <li>• Facilitators and barriers when caring for PLWD (time; communication, environment; carers; resources (dedicated staff); concerns over safety when caring for PLWD).</li> </ul>	

- PLWD and carer expectation of radiography practitioners (compassion; communication)
- Radiographer experiences (positive aspects - completing imaging or therapy examinations, being able to reassure patient, involvement of carer or care partner; negative aspects - lack of empathy or understanding from other staff members, concerns over consent and capacity – does the PLWD understand why they are in the dept?).

**8. Summary of work ongoing**

Starting recruitment for phase 2 with individual semi-structured interviews

**9. Summary of future plans – please include an estimate timeline for work progression**

Complete interviews, data analysis and dissemination

Gantt chart of future work.

Year	Months / Years												
	2021						2022						
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun-Jul	Sep-Oct	Nov-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Sept	Oct-Dec
Phase 1: Recruitment and Data Collection (OFGDs)	█	█	█	█									
Phase 1: Data Analysis				█	█								
CoRIPS Interim Report					█	█							
Phase 2: Recruitment and Data Collection					█	█	█						
Phase 2: Data Analysis						█	█	█					
Final Data analysis and Write Up Report							█	█					
Dissemination of Findings (Publications and working with SCoR to translate knowledge)								█	█	█			

**10. Have you presented the work at a national/international event (if so where)?**

No

**11. Have you submitted any findings for publication (if so please provide publication details)?**

No

**9. Return of interim report form**

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