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The Factors that Influence Job Satisfaction in Bands 5 and 6 Therapy Radiographers

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Rationale

- Drive to increase capacity and quality (Cancer Reform Strategy 2007)
- 30% increase in radiographer numbers (NRAG 2007)
- Staff shortages in RadioTherapy (Kresl et al 2004)
- Vacancy figures for RT higher than other Allied Health Professions (Probst and Griffiths 2007)
- 3% attrition PA (Griffiths, Craig and Abrahams 2006) high attrition seen in HEI's
- Junior professions offer the greatest retention challenge (Newham and Maylor 2002)

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Job Satisfaction

- Multifaceted
- Index of positive and negative work experiences (Makanjee et al 2006)
- Global concept
- Job satisfaction is closely linked to intrinsic motivation (Boreham et al 2006)
- Low job satisfaction correlates to withdrawal behaviors (Saari & Judge 2004)
- Negatively effects performance.

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Objectives

- Explore and understand the professional experiences of band 5 and 6 therapy radiographers.
- Identify Factors influencing perceptions of job satisfaction
- Develop strategies to increase job satisfaction for this group of practitioners
- Inform a Phase II study

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Methodology

- Ethical approval
- Case study design
- Two large centres
- Purposive sampling
- Focus groups were recorded and transcribed per Verbatim
- Thematic analysis
- Comparison between and within cases
- N=34
- Age range = 21-42 years
- Years qualified range = <1 to 19 years

Results



5 Emergent Themes

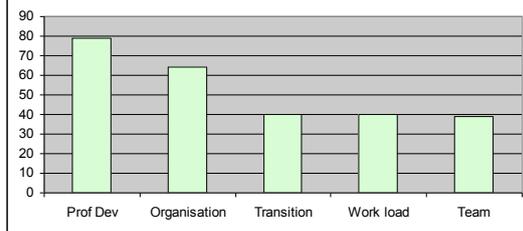
- Professional Development
- Organisation
- Transition
- Work Load
- Team

Coding frequency & Rank



	Band 7 Pilot	Centre 1 B5	Centre 2 B5	Centre 1 B6	Centre 2 B6	Total	B5 Total	B6 Total
Pro Devp	18	21	13	15	12	79	34	27
Organisation	14	12	9	9	20	64	21	29
Work Load	4	9	7	7	13	40	16	20
Transition	11	9	7	11	2	40	16	13
Team	7	11	5	13	3	39	16	16

Coding Frequency



Professional Development



- CPD
 - "if it was left up to (management) to support you then you probably wouldn't fulfil HPC requirements."
 - "I've now done a year with no CPD".
- Training
 - "getting signed off"
- Rotations
 - "you don't get much say in your rotations".
 - "don't get rota'd around...deskilled in other things".
- Development Review
 - "I never had one until it was brought in with AFC".
 - "my PDR's tend to take ten or fifteen mins and it's just like yep, yep, yep".

Organisation



- Hierarchy
 - "(Band 7s) come and take over ...they know best and they'll make the decisions".
 - "(the band 8's) in their own little safe cocoon of the office"
- "feel really guilty if you're doing something that you think...you haven't got a higher enough standing in the department".
- Control
 - "you're the one on the front line ...getting all the flack...and you're the one who hasn't got the control to do your job right".

Work Load



- "too many targets...unrealistic targets so then you're setting yourself up for a fall".
- "no alternative but to just go along with it and just get (patients) done as quick as you can".
- "things double booked left, right and centre"
- "We shouldn't have 49, but if we are...just be realistic and not mess people about".

Transition



- *"the university sold the course that you can do this, that and the other...realised my life would involve treating 40 prostate cases a day".*
- *"felt like a student again"*
- *"survive" or simply "get through the first year".*
- *"happy to still be a radiographer and not making any bad mistakes".*
- *"I had an unofficial mentor..."*

Team



- *"I didn't get the support of the team...it was really, really hard for me".*
- *"I felt really well looked after...and I was part of a really good team".*
- *"if I was to go to any other trust I don't think I'd have had the support..."*
- *"I had so much support. I was even given a mentor".*

A patient's perspective...



- *"(patients) always say how nice we are and that it's nice coming to treatment...all the pressures going on...isn't being reflected on the (patients)"*

**...this comes at a cost
...Is it sustainable?**

Conclusion



Professional Development

Organisation

Workload

Transition

Team

Recommendations



- Improving the way we develop radiographers (pdr, mentorship, competency based work, rotations)
- Improved systems (booking, rotations, service development)
- Phase II study?

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