The Research Role of the Consultant Radiographer

INFORMATION SHEET

Participant Code: …….

Invitation
You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this information sheet.

What is the purpose of the study?
The aim of this research is to explore the research knowledge, experience, and role of Consultant Radiographers and to try to develop a theoretical framework for understanding the research experiences of Consultant Radiographers. The study is a part of research which will be included in a Doctorate in Clinical Research dissertation for Research Student, Rachel Harris, School of Psychology.

Why have I been chosen?
You are registered on The Society and College of Radiographers database as a member of the organisation with the job title Consultant Radiographer.

Do I have to take part?
It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw from the study or parts of it at any time and without giving a reason.

What will happen to me if I take part?
The study will involve three stages. An electronic questionnaire which will be sent to all registered on The Society and College of Radiographers database as a member of the organisation with the job title Consultant Radiographer.
The questionnaire will then be followed by an interview for approximately twenty of you. This will take approximately one hour. Interviews will be audiotaped and you will be asked to verify content once transcribed. You can change or remove comments that you feel are incorrect or not as you intended them to be.

Following the interview stage if you work in breast imaging, ultrasound, or oncology you will be asked to participate in a focus group. This will take approximately one hour and will also be audiotaped. If you do not wish to participate in this section of the study you can withdraw after the interview stage or at any time throughout the study.

All information will be kept confidential and will be coded and anonymised.

What do I have to do?
There are no special requirements of you. Each section will be clearly explained before you are asked to carry it out.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?
There should be no disadvantage from participating in this research.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?
The information supplied from your responses will contribute to our understanding of research in the radiography profession. This may help to improve the support we can provide as an organisation in the future.

What if I have any questions?
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask myself at any time. If you wish to talk to someone who is independent of the study team, please contact Dr. Karen Knapp, University of Exeter. Telephone: 01392 264133

What if there is a problem?
It is very unlikely that any part of this study will cause you harm. If you have any concerns please contact the researcher, Rachel Harris at The Society and College of Radiographers. Telephone: 020 7740 7250
If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally, you can do this through Dr Anke Karl, Department of Psychology, University of Exeter. Telephone: 01392 725271
Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?
Yes. All information collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. Personal information will not be released to or viewed by anyone other than researcher involved in this project. All of the data collected will be coded so that it is anonymous and will be stored securely. Results of this study will not include your name or any other identifying characteristics.

What will happen if I do not want to carry on with the study?
This is a voluntary study and you to decide whether or not to take part. You are also free to withdraw consent at any time and without giving a reason. A decision to withdraw at any time, or a decision not to take part, will not affect your work or contact with the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR).

What will happen to the results of the research study?
The study is a part of research which will be included in a Doctorate in Clinical Research. The results of the study will be submitted for publication and presented at professional congresses and will be used to produce professional guidance documents. You will not be identified in any presentation of the data. A copy of the study findings can be provided by Rachel Harris on request.

What do I do next?
If you have read and understood everything that we want you to do and are happy to take part, please sign the consent form, which is attached to this sheet.

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Thank you for your time and consideration
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CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS

I, .............................................................................................................. (full name)

agree to be interviewed by Rachel Harris, Professional Officer for Research, regarding the research aspect of my role as a Consultant Radiographer.

I have read the information sheet concerning this project and understand what it is about. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that;
(please initial each box)

• My participation in the project is entirely voluntary.

• I am free to withdraw from the project at any time without having to give a reason and without affecting my future liaison with the Society and College of Radiographers

• The results of the project may be published but my anonymity will be preserved.

• I can ask questions about the study at any time.

• I understand that the interview will be tape-recorded and that all information will remain private and confidential.

• I agree to take part in this project.

Signed (Date)
Participant.........................................................................................

Signed (Date)
Researcher......................................................................................