

## **Appendix 14: Additional free text comments from Questionnaire**

<b>Facilitators to research</b>
<i>"Collaboration, inquiry, focus."</i>
<i>"Time. Need support."</i>
<i>"Good idea in the first instance. Team approach. Definite link to service improvement therefore seen as worthwhile."</i>
<i>"The ability to undertake research."</i>
<i>"Adequately trained staff."</i>
<i>"Knowledge enthusiasm and time."</i>
<i>"Time, interest and education."</i>
<i>"Interest and a need for it to be done. Knowing the result could make a difference."</i>
<i>"Collaborative working with HEI, appropriate funding, experience."</i>
<i>"Skills/ability to design and undertake good research."</i>

<b>Barriers to research</b>
<i>"Ethos among radiographers to be consumers rather than pioneers of research."</i>
<i>"Others not really wanting research to be part of your JD."</i>
<i>"Lack of understanding of consultant role from others."</i>
<i>"I choose to spend more of my time on my clinical role as that has a direct effect on the patient today."</i>
<i>"Most of my research time is spent teaching others or providing data."</i>
<i>"I feel that I don't know enough about how to start up a research study by myself and it is difficult to get my colleagues interested."</i>
<i>"Should be a separate research consultant radiographer post."</i>
<i>"No time allocation at all (for anything other than examining patients, let alone research)."</i>
<i>"Obstruction in the role from line management."</i>
<i>"Lack of interest, I am struggling to survive."</i>

<b>Impact of Research to Department</b>
<i>"We are part of a national programme and this does have an impact on breast research - nationally and globally."</i>
<i>"Invaluable: motivates and renews interest."</i>
<i>"Encouraging Radiographers to join in research projects has had a huge motivational influence upon the staff."</i>
<i>"Enlightens the others."</i>
<i>"Need to do far more - would be beneficial."</i>
<i>"It should be a pleasure that we, as a department are leading R&amp;D but if any admin function is needed then Research is classified as something which gets in the way of "Normal" work."</i>
<i>"Time and targets are more important. The financial climate is not helpful."</i>
<i>"Takes time and effort during busy clinics e.g. taking extra biopsies and consenting pt."</i>
<i>"This department implement /follow the findings of others not keen to be trail blazers."</i>

***Impact of Research to the Profession***

“Recognition as good research practitioners.”

“Raises profile of radiographers amongst other AHP's. “

“Improve profile of the Radiography profession as long as the research is good quality and not research for research sake.”

“As long as relevant and not just for the sake of doing research than the impact will be positive.”

“Ensures we are practising evidence based protocols.”

“Raises the profile of our profession, which sadly it needs.”

“The profession cannot develop without research.”

“Enhances the status of the profession and the calibre of its members.”

“Increases profile of profession and respect for our profession. Allows our profession to influence practice and policy.”

“Increases the standing of Radiographers within the hospital setting.”

“Very significant for us to be taken seriously.”

“It is encouraging to see Consultants doing published research in Synergy. This is encouragement to others. Much more needs to be done.”

“Highlights the fact that radiographers undertake research not just doctors and nurses, this in turn makes the profession more attractive to prospective students.”

“I am clinical lead in radiology, definitely feel that my Consultant Radiographer role has shown that we are a profession who are able to work at a high level and lead service development/change not solely implement changes others have researched.”

“Keeps abreast with new research findings to create best practice on a national scale.”

“A lot of ultrasound research is going on outside radiology and so other professions are becoming more 'expert' in ultrasound than we are. If radiology departments want to keep it, they will have to become more clinical and more involved in research.”

“As many other professions are much better at using ultrasound for research than radiology depts. It seems integral to certain professions and they are overtaking radiology in some aspects of ultrasound research - e.g. rheumatology.”