

## Graduate Experience and Resilience in Radiography Careers

### Participant Information Sheet

#### **About the study**

This study addresses the ways in which you, as a relatively recent radiography graduate (i.e. you graduated a maximum of two academic years ago), have been prepared for the real world of medical imaging by the things you learned during your degree. By telling us about your own early career experiences, you can help inform future undergraduate curricula to more specifically prepare students for the everyday technical and personal demands of working in a modern UK medical imaging department.

#### **Some questions you may have about the research project:**

##### **Why have you asked me to take part and what will I be required to do?**

You are a radiography graduate with one or two full years of professional experience. You will be asked to sit for a telephone interview of approximately 30 minutes, at a time of your choosing, addressing your experiences as a professional radiographer since your graduation.

##### **What if I do not wish to take part or change my mind during the study?**

Your participation in the study is entirely voluntary. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time without having to provide a reason for doing so; this also means you will be able to withdraw from the study (without reason given) during the interview or immediately after it.

##### **What happens to the research data?**

Your interview will be transcribed verbatim, but all potentially personal data – particularly specific references to people and places - will be removed during this process. As such, although the project outputs will use direct data (i.e. anonymised quotations) only an individual who already knows your voice and experience would possibly be able to identify you from this. On the attached consent form, you will be given a further set of precise options regarding how your original (recorded) and transcribed (anonymous) data can be handled. All original (recorded) data will be held securely, shared with nobody outside the research team and securely destroyed no more than six months after the completion of the project in Summer 2019.

### **How will the research be reported?**

The findings will inform peer-reviewed publications regarding radiographic education, conference presentations to the same effect, and ultimately help redevelop radiography curricula at undergraduate level. It is also hoped that they will provide a foundation for instruments that might assess the resilience and confidence of new graduates. Irrespective of other outcomes, however, you - as participant - will be provided with an executive summary of findings from the full project across the UK. In this way, you might at the very least be given the opportunity to evaluate how your own experiences stack-up with those of your national peer group.

### **How can I find out more information?**

Please contact: Dr. Paul. K. Miller, Senior Lecturer in Social Psychology, University of Cumbria. [Paul.miller@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:Paul.miller@cumbria.ac.uk)

### **What if I want to complain about the research**

Initially you should contact the researcher directly. However, if you are not satisfied or wish to make a more formal complaint you should contact Diane Cox, Director of Research Office, University of Cumbria, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 3JD. [diane.cox@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:diane.cox@cumbria.ac.uk)