

Participant Information Sheet

Nurse Questionnaire Survey

The title of the research study:

Advancing Skin Cancer Care: Investigating and Co-Creating a Nurse-Led Model of Service Delivery.

Dear Nursing Colleagues,

Thank you for considering participating in this research. Your experience and insights are valuable in shaping the future of skin cancer care.

Invitation to Take Part

You are invited to take part in this clinical PhD research study. Before deciding, it is important to understand the purpose and scope of the research. If you have any questions after reviewing this *Participant Information Sheet*, please contact the Chief Investigator (Leila Kattach) using the contact details at the end of this document.

This online nurse questionnaire survey is being distributed to nurses working across various settings in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) and the Crown Dependencies (Isle of Man and the Channel Islands: Jersey, Guernsey, including Alderney, Sark, and Herm).

The findings will help inform the co-creation of an acceptable and viable nurse-led model of service delivery for skin cancer care. Your contribution is invaluable, and we will ask you to provide detailed insights regarding:

- The clinical models you work in that deliver skin cancer care.
- Your role and the key contributions you make to this service.
- How nurse-led service delivery models in skin cancer care can be improved to better meet patient needs and manage referral demands more effectively.

We also encourage you to share the survey link with your nursing colleagues working in skin cancer services, whether in public or private settings, to help us gather a broad range of perspectives.

What is the purpose of the project?

This PhD research addresses the increasing prevalence of skin cancer across England and the shortage of dermatologists available to meet rising referral rates. Early detection of skin cancer is crucial, yet the demand for timely, high-quality care presents a challenge for existing healthcare services. To help bridge this gap, this research aims to develop a viable nurse-led model of service delivery for skin cancer care for implementation within the NHS in England. This model, designed collaboratively with both service users and skin cancer specialist clinicians (physicians and nurses), seeks to improve service delivery by making skin cancer care more accessible, efficient, and patient-centred.

Study Design

The study uses a mixed methods approach, conducted in two phases:

- **Phase One:** a questionnaire survey of nurses who provide skin cancer care across the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies in various healthcare settings.
- **Phase Two:** focus group discussions with:
 - a. **Service Users:** individuals referred into secondary care in England on a suspected skin cancer referral pathway regardless of diagnosis.
 - b. **Specialist Skin Cancer Clinicians:** physicians and nurses delivering skin cancer care in England.

The focus groups enable complex discussions, gathering insights from patients and clinicians on their experiences, concerns, and recommendations. This collaborative approach helps surface valuable perspectives that may not emerge through surveys alone, ensuring the final model of care is comprehensive and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders (patients, clinicians, and health care organisations) in skin cancer services.

Who Is Leading and Funding This Research?

This PhD research is match-funded by Bournemouth University and University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust. This research is led by Leila Kattach, a Advanced Nurse Practitioner and PhD Student, supported by a dedicated and experienced research team:

- Dr Heidi Singleton – Senior Lecturer, Bournemouth University.
- Professor Steven Ersser – Professor of Nursing and Dermatology Care, Bournemouth University.
- Professor Debbie Holley – Professor of Learning Innovation, Bournemouth University.
- Dr Ian Pearson – Consultant Dermatologist, University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust.

For more information, please visit the following links:

- [Nurse-led Model for Skin Cancer Detection Project](#)
- [Leila Kattach's Staff Profile](#)

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited as you are a registered nurse that provides nurse-led care for skin cancer within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies and sharing your knowledge and experience is valuable to this research project.

Can I Take Part?

You are eligible to take part if you meet all of the following:

1. You are a registered nurse.
2. You are currently working in a nurse-led skin cancer service and carry out at least one of the following:
 - assessments of skin lesions suspicious of skin cancer;
 - follow-up assessments or skin checks on patients with a history of invasive or high-risk skin cancer;
 - follow-up skin checks or surveillance assessments for immunocompromised patients e.g. organ transplantation patients on immunosuppressant medications;

- health education delivered to service users on skin cancer prevention and/or skin self-examination and early detection;
- autonomous undertaking of surgical excisions (at a minimum).

3. You are currently practising in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland) or in one of the Crown Dependencies (Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands: Jersey and Guernsey, including Alderney, Sark, and Herm).

Not sure if you're eligible?

- You don't need to decide on your own. If anything is unclear or you'd like to talk it through, please contact the Chief Investigator (Leila Kattach). We're happy to help and the contact details are at the end of this document.

What would taking part involve?

You will be invited to complete an online nurse questionnaire survey. This survey will ask you about:

- The components and types of nurse-led models you deliver.
- The 'value-added' care for service users and the benefits for healthcare organisations that nurse-led care provides beyond standard core care.
- Your perspectives on an ideal nurse-led model for skin cancer care.

Your responses will remain anonymous.

Frequency:

You will only be asked to complete the online survey once.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You may download a copy of this Participant Information Sheet for your records. By ticking the consent box at the start of the online questionnaire survey and submitting your responses, you are confirming your consent to take part. We want you to understand what participation involves before you make a decision on whether or not to participate. If you or any family member have an on-going relationship with Bournemouth University or the research team, e.g., as a member of staff, as a student or other service user, your

decision on whether or not to take part (or continue to take part) will not affect this relationship in any way.

Can I change my mind about taking part?

Yes, you can stop participating in study activities at any time and without giving a reason. To withdraw you can send an email to the Chief Investigator (Leila Kattach) stating that you wish to withdraw. The Chief Investigator's contact details are provided at the end of this document.

Will I be reimbursed for taking part?

As a token of appreciation, participants who complete the survey can enter a prize draw to win one of two £50 Lifestyle gift cards by providing their email address at the end. Winners will be contacted within six weeks of the survey's closure.

What are the advantages and possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?

By completing the survey, you will be contributing to PhD research that aims to improve skin cancer services in the NHS in England by co-creating a nurse-led model of service delivery. While there is no direct personal benefit, your input may help shape future nurse roles, improve job satisfaction, and create opportunities for more specialised positions. Your contribution will also support the overall enhancement of skin cancer care.

How will we use information about you?

We will need to use information from you for this research project. This will include:

- Email address if supplied by you (known only by the research team).
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) data (for example age, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or belief), which will be known only by the research team. *Providing EDI data is voluntary and will only be used in an anonymised form to ensure the research includes a wide range of perspectives.*

Your survey responses will remain anonymous. If you choose to provide your email address for the prize draw or to take part in a focus group discussion, it will be stored separately and will not be linked to your survey responses.

People will use this information to do the research or to check your records to make sure that the research is being done properly.

People who do not need to know who you are will not have access to any details about you or your survey responses.

Bournemouth University is the sponsor of this research with the support of University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust.

Bournemouth University is responsible for looking after your information. We will share your information related to this research project with the following types of organisations:

- Only the members of the research team based at University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust, an NHS Teaching Hospital, will access your data in an anonymised format.

International transfers

Your data will not be shared outside the UK.

How will we use information about you after the study ends?

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study.

We will keep your study data for a maximum of 10 years. At that point, the study data will be fully anonymised and securely archived.

Archiving will involve the study data being transferred into Bournemouth University's Data Repository (BORDaR), which is open to the public. BORDaR (Bournemouth University's Data Repository) can be found by following this link:

<https://bordar.bournemouth.ac.uk>.

We will keep all information about you safe and secure by:

- Storing electronic data on encrypted, password-protected systems.
- Restricting access to personal data to authorised researchers only.
- Collecting only the minimum information needed.
- Following Bournemouth University's data protection and ethics policies.
- Not sharing your information outside the research team unless required by law.

What are your choices about how your information is used?

- You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have.
- You have the right to ask us to access, remove, change, or delete data we hold about you for the purposes of the study.
- You can also object to our processing of your data. We might not always be able to do this if it means we cannot use your data to do the research. If so, we will tell you why we cannot do this.
- No personally identifiable information will be included without your written permission.
- If your picture or information has been included in published documents such as an article published for a journal it cannot be withdrawn once published.

Where can you find out more about how your information is used?

- Read Bournemouth University's Research Participant Privacy Notice: <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/governance/access-information/data-protection-privacy/research-participant-privacy-notice>
- Email the Chief Investigator, Leila Kattach: lkattach@bournemouth.ac.uk

When can I receive an update on the findings?

You may request updates on the research project. These updates will be limited and will not be shared publicly unless agreed by the Chief Investigator in writing by email. Data collection is expected to conclude in September 2026, with no additional data collection planned beyond this date. Conference presentations, posters, and publications sharing the findings are likely to be produced after the completion of this PhD research, which is not expected to extend beyond September 2027.

What to do now if you would like to participate

If you meet the eligibility criteria and would like to take part, please email the Chief Investigator, Leila Kattach, at lkattach@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Contact for further information

Primary contact: If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Leila Kattach (PhD student and Advanced Nurse Practitioner) at: lkattach@bournemouth.ac.uk

This research project is being undertaken under the supervision of Dr Heidi Singleton: hsingleton@bournemouth.ac.uk Senior Lecturer, Lecturer with the Centre for Wellbeing & Long-Term Health (Bournemouth University).

In case of complaints

Any concerns about the study should be directed to Professor Jane Murphy the Deputy Dean for Research & Professional Practice (for the faculty of Health and Social Sciences at Bournemouth University) by email to: researchgovernance@bournemouth.ac.uk

Finally

If you decide to take part, you can download and keep a copy of this participant information sheet and a record of your consent.

Thank you once again for your time and interest in supporting this important research.