Staff Perception on Challenges of Implementing NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance (TAGs)

Participant Information Sheet

Information for Participants

You are invited to complete a survey regarding the staff perception on challenges of implementing NICE technology appraisal guidance (TAGs) across Cancer Services in the UK, and the impact the implementation and delivery of NICE TAGs has on staff workload and wellbeing.

Thank you for taking the time to read the following information to further understand what this research is and why it is being completed.

What is the purpose of this survey?

Since 2000, the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published 554 technology appraisal guidance (TAGs) on cancer drugs alone. For 2026, NHS England (NHSE) and Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) have estimated that a following 46 NICE TAGs for cancer will be published (with 14 TAGs being expected and 32 TAGs being uncertain). NICE have stated that 80% of their recommendations via TAGs have been positive.

Therefore, the purpose of this survey is to gain an insight into the challenges faced by staff working in Cancer Services within the UK for the implementation and delivery of NICE TAGs. We further aim to gain an insight into the impact that the implementation and delivery of NICE TAGs has on the workload and wellbeing of staff working in Cancer Services in the UK.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to participate in this survey as you are currently a healthcare professional/staff member that works in Cancer Services in the UK.

Do I have to take part?

No, participation is voluntary.

How do I take part?

This survey will be completed online via Microsoft Form, and the link is at the bottom.

This survey will take approximately 15 mins to complete. The responses to the survey will be collated and analysed for the findings to be discussed in the final report.

What are the benefits of taking part?

Through participating in the survey, we will be able to gain an understanding of any barriers/challenges faced by staff in organisations when implementing and delivering NICE TAGs. Through the analysis of these responses, we aim to raise awareness of any challenges faced by Cancer Services within organisations and review if any strategies are need to create a smoother, more efficient process to implement and deliver NICE TAGs.

Will my response to this survey be kept confidential?

Yes, all data collected from the survey will be kept strictly confidential and remain anonymous. All data collected through Microsoft Forms will be anonymised.

What will happen to the results of this survey?

Following the results of this survey, a short report will be created and shared with all relevant stakeholders.

Who is organising and funding this research?

This research project has been organised by University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with the University of Birmingham School of Pharmacy.

This research is being conducted by a MPharm student at the University of Birmingham School of Pharmacy, under the supervision of the Cancer Services Clinical Pharmacy Operations Lead at the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.

No funding is required for this project.

Who has reviewed this research project?

This research project has received ethical approval from University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Audit Registration and Management Audit Committee (CARMS-23972)

Further information and contact details

If you have any further questions regarding the research project, please contact the following:

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Consent

If you are happy with the information and consent to participate in the survey, please complete the survey on Microsoft Form using the link provided.

Microsoft Form – Survey Link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZcUHGhGx0EKtqBaZjHK9MITh6_GR2ehMk2ZwT3oNQ_1URDFNMVFHOVMxODRPTVpIUDdDQzJLSVZFRS4u