

L I T E F O R M

Lite Therapy Effectiveness For ORal Mucositis Trial

STAFF INTERVIEW TOPIC GUIDE (Professionals) Version 1.0

LITEFORM: Interview Topic Guide for Professionals

Note: *The interview schedule is developmental. The questions will need to be tailored to the specific answers of each interviewee. The interview schedule given here is therefore a general topic guide for the one-to-one qualitative interviews.*

Welcome and Introduction

Introduce self and project. Discuss confidentiality and recording. Ask if any questions. Obtain informed consent.

Re-cap of Research and Plan for Interview

Brief re-cap on the aims and purpose of the interview and explain what will happen.

The following questions need not be covered in this particular order but rather the interview should flow as freely and naturally as possible. The interviewer will prompt as appropriate with phrases such as ‘can you tell me a little more about that’, ‘can you give me an example of that’, ‘how did/do you feel about that’.

Question: Can you tell me a bit about yourself from the point of view of your clinical career?

Views on LITEFORM

- What point did they hear about it?
- What is their role on the study?
- How do you feel about the research question?
Is it important?
What reservations do you have about the LITEFORM trial?
- How confident are you that we will be able to recruit to the LITEFORM trial?
Explore previous experience of trials

What has helped you perform your role in LITEFORM

- What has made it more difficult?
- How does the LITEFORM trial fit with your normal working methods for this patient group?
- How does the LITEFORM trial fit with established clinical pathways?
- What impact is recruiting patients for the study having on the day to day running of the clinic?

Experiences of recruitment

- How do you think recruitment is going so far?
Explore previous experience of research and recruitment
- Have there been any patients who met the inclusion criteria but you felt were not appropriate for the study?

- From your perspective, what are the facilitators and barriers to getting people/patients engaged in the study?
Explore facilitators & barriers from staff and patient perspectives
- Who takes the lead in explaining the study to patients and how do you (they) go about it?
- How else could we support recruitment?

Low level laser therapy

- Were there any issues in setting up the LLLT service in this trust?
- Have there been any issues with delivering the LLLT service in this trust?
- Have this trust made any changes to the LLLT service since starting the study? Why?
- Have you any idea which patients are receiving the active treatment?
- Are you seeing a difference in the severity of mucositis in patients?

Anything not covered?

- Anything else you'd like to add about your experiences of the study?

Closing and Thanks

Conclude the discussion and thank the participant for their time and contribution.