**NURS**e **COVID** study: a qualitative exploration of experiences of **NU**rses with **R**espiratory **S**kills working during the **COVID**-19 Pandemic

**What is the research and why are we doing it?**

We want to explore respiratory nurses’ experiences, approaches and adaptations to respiratory patient care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Respiratory nurses have been redeployed and asked to learn new skills very quickly and have been a fundamental part of the COVID-19 response. The challenges, learning and adaptions warrant sharing within the respiratory nursing community, the wider nursing and respiratory communities and the NHS, with the potential to improve practice and outcomes for patients in the future.

**What are you being asked to do?**

In March 2020 we asked respiratory nurses in clinical practice to keep a private account of their care experiences and care approaches by means of a reflective journal during the period of the pandemic. As we enter the second wave of the pandemic, we feel that it is timely to remind you about this study and ask you to continue, start, restart, or save your diary. It is important that this is not too onerous, therefore it is suggested that you record your experiences once a day, weekly or even monthly for as long as you want to, and if you wanted a break and then came back to it that would also be fine. It does not matter how much you record as long as you capture your experiences, good and bad. The media you choose to record on will be a personal choice, this could be paper, electronic, or video diaries; likewise, shared Blogs may work for you. Keeping a reflective account may help you to process some of your experiences and hopefully will be a positive exercise which you may be able to use towards revalidation at a later stage. In March 2021 we will call for diaries to be submitted as part of this study, f you choose to submit your diary, the personal information we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential.

**Does this study have ethical approval?**

The study has been reviewed and approved by the Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine Research Ethics Committee at Edge Hill University.

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