

A UK National Blood and Body fluid Exposure Annual Survey

Contact details of your Occupational Health Manager

Eight national associations and government bodies* are supporting the creation of an annual UK national survey of blood & body fluid exposures (BBFE) in healthcare personnel (HCP).

The 2021 Royal College of Nursing Report on blood & body fluid exposures (BBFE) revealed an alarmingly high incidence of both sharps injuries and mucocutaneous exposures, however **UK has no national BBFE database from which to draw conclusions re trends and Covid impact.**

There is national agreement that a publicly available, high-level BBFE annual survey is needed for BBFE incidence benchmarking by national bodies and healthcare facilities.

Dr Kevin Hambridge (Plymouth Univ.) and Terry Grimmond, two international BBFE researchers, are co-leading the BBFE Working Group, with the 2019 - 2021 survey occurring May 2022.

The proposal

- We need contact-details of occupational health managers (OHM) at 104 trusts/health facilities.
- A 1-page, 12 question questionnaire will be emailed directly to all OHM in May 2022
- The survey is strictly anonymous– no facility name will be used in any manner.
- Survey results to be published in a peer-reviewed open-access journal annually.

We ask your help in obtaining your OHM's contact details by emailing Terry terry@terrygrimmond.com or Kevin kevin.hambridge@plymouth.ac.uk with the **name, title, email address and facility name** of your OHM – or kindly forward this request to her/him. **These details will not be shared with anyone – they are strictly for the BBFE survey.**

Dear OHM, the Working Group apologises if you receive this request more than once – no stone was left unturned in our efforts to contact OHM's in all UK healthcare facilities.

For further information please contact Kevin kevin.hambridge@plymouth.ac.uk or Terry terry@terrygrimmond.com.

Thank you for helping us create a safer workplace for all HCP

*Supporters of BBFE Project

- UK Health Security Agency
- NHS Staff Council's Health, Safety and Wellbeing Partnership Group
- The Royal College of Nursing
- Safer Healthcare and Biosafety Network (SHBN)
- NHS England
- Institution of Occupational Health and Safety (IOSH)
- Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM)
- Infection Prevention Society (IPS)