**Kidney Dietetic Outcomes Tool**

**Would your department be interested in helping to evaluate an updated version of the Kidney Dietetic Outcomes Tool?**

Leeds Beckett University and University of Central Lancashire are undertaking a multi-centre evaluation of the Kidney Dietetic Outcomes Tool (formerly known as the Renal Dietetic Outcomes Tool).

In 2014, the BDA Renal Nutrition Group (RNG) developed and evaluated the functionality of a Renal dietetic outcomes tool (RDOT). The tool is available to RNG members for local use in gathering data to assist understanding of service user outcomes in response to renal dietetic interventions, evaluate their effectiveness for patients with CKD, and support business cases for service planning and additional staff.

As more guidance has been developed around the standardisation of dietetic care, including standardised language and terminology, the RDOT (now known as the kidney dietetic outcomes tool, KDOT), has been reviewed and updated to reflect these changes. To ensure that the modified version of RDOT (KDOT) maintains its functionality and purposefulness, we need to conduct a multi-centre evaluation of the tool, which will validate the tool for reliability and specificity.

***If your department would be interested in contributing to this valuable piece of work being carried out by Leeds Beckett University and University of Central Lancashire, we would like to hear from you!***

To take part in this project we would require you to use the electronic KDOT as part of your standard practice to collect data on any new renal referral seen within your department (inpatient and outpatients) over a period of 3 months. An additional 3 months would then be required to ensure you are able to complete the episode of care for any of your referrals collected in the initial stage. It should only take you about 5 minutes to collect the information needed for each patient. We would also ask you to complete an electronic evaluation form to feedback about functionality of the tool within normal clinical practice.

You will also be provided with full training and support by the researchers before you commence work on the project and throughout the project duration.

For you to participate in this project, we would need to ensure that your department’s capability to undertake this additional work is assessed and approved by your Trust. The project aims to start from January 2024.

For more information about this exciting project and to share expressions of interest , please contact the project lead, Claire Gardiner, C.Gardiner@leedsbeckett.ac.uk or Fiona Willingham, Fwillingham@uclan.ac.uk by 13th November 2023

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