

# The identity of physiotherapy: language, values and practice

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

The identity of physiotherapy: a document analysis of text-based materials and biographical interviews with physiotherapists who have been practising since 1950s/1960s to assess the evolution of physiotherapy as a profession

## Study objectives

Research objectives:

1. Using documents and oral histories, explore the values and identity that have shaped physiotherapy since its inception in 1894
2. Using oral histories and documentary evidence, assess the factors identified by that are viewed as having informed and influenced the evolution of physiotherapy as a profession in the private and public health system in the UK (i.e. internal and external drivers)
3. Explore, through oral histories and accounts, the lived experiences and understandings of the evolution of the profession of physiotherapy in the UK
4. Assess the choices available to physiotherapy for its ongoing evolution

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Cardiff University School of Social Sciences Ethics Committee, 05/06/2008, ref: SREC/375

## Study design

Observational cross-section survey

## Primary study design

Observational

## Secondary study design

Cross sectional study

## Study setting(s)

Other

## Study type(s)

Other

## Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details to request a patient information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Physiotherapy

## Interventions

Two inter-related approaches will be used to collect data/generate analysis: document analysis of text-based materials, and biographical interviewing of physiotherapists who have been practicing since 1950s/1960s.

The document analysis aims to uncover the various forces that have constructed and shaped the subjectivities and professional practices of physiotherapy. The search of text-based materials will focus on key events in physiotherapy's history from 1945 to present and will be informed by the content of the biographical interviews.

A series of interviews will be conducted with up to 12 retired physiotherapists who have been practicing since the 1950s/1960s. The first interview invites the participant to share their experiences of physiotherapy - from the decision to enter the profession, through to the present day. This interview will be transcribed, shared with participant and will form the basis of the second interview which aims to relate the individual's story to the themes emerging from the document analysis, and to consider how the participant would like their story represented. The first interview will last between 1 - 2 hours (possibly longer - depending on the participant's story and story-telling style), while the second will run for about 1 - 1.5 hours. Further follow-up may be necessary - with participants' consent - depending on the themes emerging from the research.

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Applicable

### **Primary outcome measure**

The outcome of the research will be an account of the evolution of physiotherapy as a profession - illustrated by documentary evidence and a series of biographies of up to 12 physiotherapists who have been practicing since the 1950s/1960s (the content and format of each biography will be negotiated with individual participants). The research will be presented as a PhD thesis, and other formats e.g. CD-ROM; academic papers.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

No secondary outcome measures

### **Overall study start date**

01/06/2010

### **Completion date**

01/12/2011

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Physiotherapists who qualified to practice during the 1950s and 1960s
2. Accessible within 4 hours travel of Cardiff
3. Male and female, aged 65 years and above

### **Participant type(s)**

Health professional

### **Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

12

**Key exclusion criteria**

Physiotherapists who are practising within the National Health Service

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2010

**Date of final enrolment**

01/12/2011

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

Wales

**Study participating centre****Cardiff University**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

Cardiff University (UK)

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**Sponsor type**

University/education

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**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03kk7td41>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Physiotherapy Research Foundation (UK) (ref: PRF/09/04)

**Results and Publications****Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration