**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 UK 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](mailto:terry@terrygrimmond.com) or Kevin [kevin.hambridge@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:kevin.hambridge@plymouth.ac.uk) or Terry [terry@terrygrimmond.com](mailto:terry@terrygrimmond.com).

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