

Selecting a surveyor for the EFIC PAIN OUT project

The hospital will allocate 2-4 people to carry out data collection.

The person collecting data -

1. Can be a student (nursing or medical) \ nurse \ resident;
 - They may use the data to promote their studies , e.g. degree &\or publication.
2. Will not – as much as is possible – have clinical duties on the ward where he\ she is collecting data
 - To prevent patients feeling obliged to please the surveyor in the answers they give when filling in the questionnaire.
3. Will be fluent in reading English;
4. Will be given time to undergo **training** about methodology of the project. This includes:
 - i. Reading the project manual (SOPs) and filling in a quiz;
 - ii. Collecting 10 trial patient datasets & entering the data into the PAIN OUT mask;
 - iii. Attending the kick off meeting for additional training.
5. Will be given time **to collect data** for the project in 1 or 2 wards.
 - i. # patients: ~130 patients X 2 phases, lasting 4 months each -> ~ 33 patients\ month -> ~ 8 \ week;
 - ~ 15% of patients approached for participation might refuse to participate.
 - ii. Time required : 20-30 minutes per patient -> ~ 3-4h \ week for 8 months of data collection.
6. **As training for data collection AND gaining experience with data collection are both time consuming --> aim, as much as is possible, to keep the same surveyors for the duration of the project.**