

Orthopaedic nurses' engagement in clinical research

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Background

Clinical nurses are in an excellent position to design research that matters to patients, families and the NHS.¹

Methods

This single centre study (n=75) explored orthopaedic nurses' views of the barriers/facilitators to research engagement.

Figure 1: Age of respondents

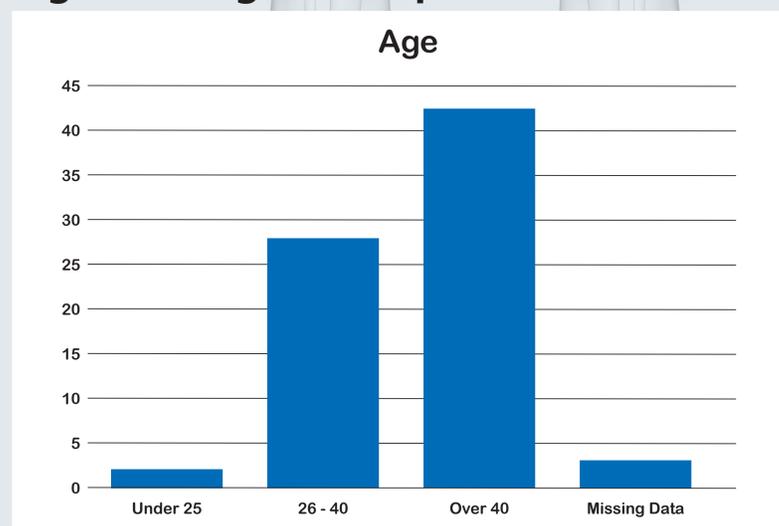
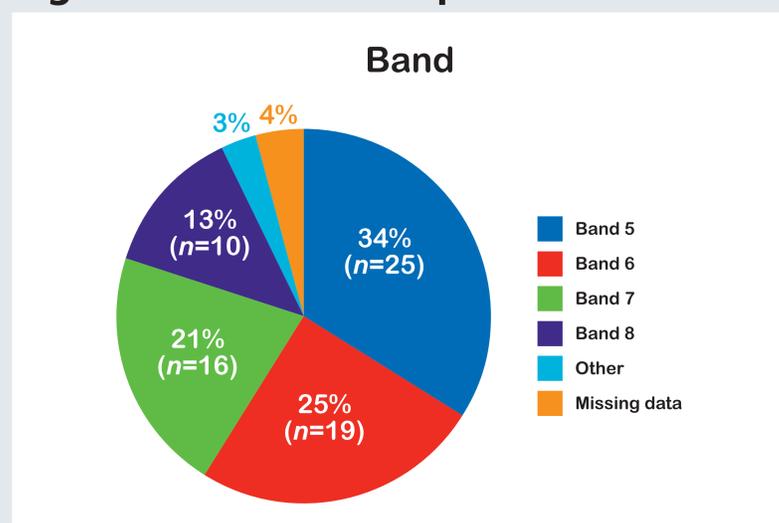


Figure 2: Band of respondents



Findings

Themes from 14 focus groups: **Research activity, Priorities & Motivation, Culture and leadership, Resources.**²

“It’s something else to do when we are already stretched...We are struggling to get the basic done at times...it’s never ending” (FG9)

“Buy in from the senior team...Appraisal could be an effective mechanism - if done the right way” (FG8)

“I haven’t seen much nursing research going on (FG4)”

“Research sounds scary and words are scary” (FG5)

“Other disciplines have protected time...medics have time, money and support-nurses have nothing” (FG14)

Implications

- Significant input is required to build nursing research capacity/capability
- Exposing nurses to research may increase motivation
- Key to success is developing effective leaders, who can create a positive and supportive research culture across an organisation.

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