

Topic guide for recruiting site focus groups

Q1 How easy was home based phototherapy for participants in the trial?

What difficulties did individuals experience?

What solutions did you come up with?

Would this be any different in normal NHS practice (i.e. outside of trial conditions)

The online survey suggested: ointment greasy; assessing erythema; compliance with regimen; complexity of regimen; assessing success of treatment (noticeability)

Q2 Should home based phototherapy be made available for people with early and limited non-segmental vitiligo?

What benefits would it offer?

What difficulties might it bring?

The online survey suggested that patient distress and a lack of treatment options is pertinent.

Q3 Is home based phototherapy appropriate for all patients with early and limited non-segmental vitiligo?

All patients? Some patients?

Specific patient groups? Specific nature/form vitiligo? Specific body areas?

Who would be a good candidate?

Who would be a poor candidate?

[think about lifestyle/circumstances; individual characteristics]

The online survey suggested that you might need to choose patients carefully for home based phototherapy.

Q4 Is it feasible to delivery home based phototherapy in the NHS?

What are the challenges / difficulties of this?

What are the challenges for HCPs in this?

What are the potential benefits to the NHS / services?

What would a home based phototherapy service require / what would it look like?

The online survey suggested: training needs (patients and HCP); monitoring and support for patients; supervision and prescription of dose; cost as a factor

Q5 Would home based phototherapy devices need to be provided and maintained by the NHS?

Cost of device – feasible? Privately purchased issues? Servicing and maintaining devices; safety issues; return/reuse of devices.