

Supplementary Information 6: Characteristics of participants at validation event

		Women (n=7)	Practitioners (n=4)
<i>Women's characteristics</i>			
Age group:	• 40-59 years	2	
	• 60-75 years	5	
Employment:	• Part-time, full-time work	1	
	• Retired, not working	6	
Swelling:	• Unilateral arm	7	
	• Breast oedema	1	
BCRL duration (years), <i>Md</i> (range)		7.0 (0.5-12.0)	
Perceived severity:	• No swelling	2	
	• Mild swelling	3	
	• Moderate swelling	2	
BCRL treatment received:	• Self-care only	5	
	• DLT, IPCT, MLD (+self-care)	2	
Ethnicity:	• White British	7	
<i>Practitioner's characteristics</i>			
Profession:	• Nurse		3
	• Physiotherapist		1
Lymphoedema service:	• Any Qualified Provider		1
	• Community-based		1
	• Hospice+community-based		1
	• Hospital-based		1
Patients treated:	• Cancer only		3
	• Cancer, non-cancer		1
Experience treating BCRL >5 years			4

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