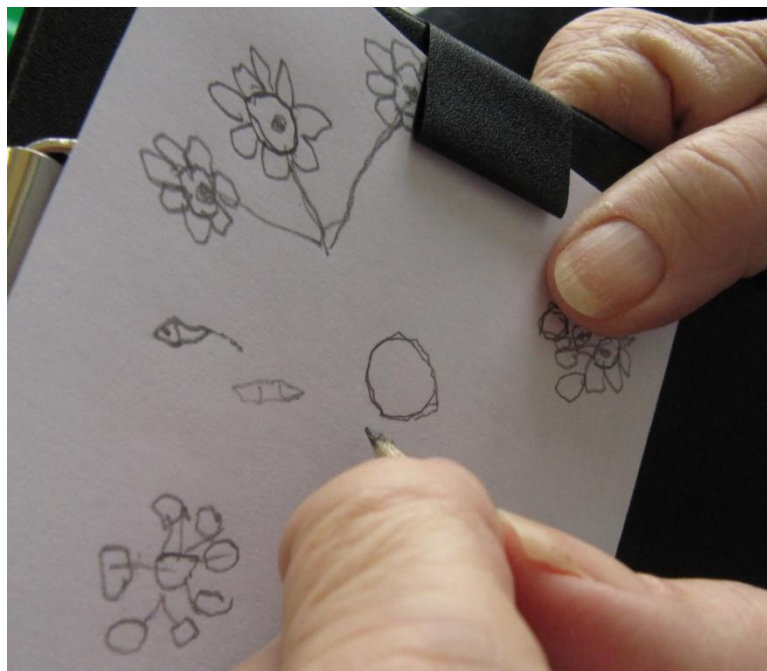




Getting inspired ...

As part of the **Viral Footprints** project, scientist-turned-artist, Dr Lizzie Burns approached people in the Dialysis Unit during treatment. Lizzie shared beautiful images from science to spark conversation and interest, and encouraged doodling to make a mark. Images revealed the surprising beauty of viruses as part of nature and were used to encourage a bold approach in life to be open to change and to create spontaneously.



For the **first day of workshops** Lizzie showed a few laminated images of viruses and through conversation encouraged people during treatment to join in with doodling their unique response to contribute towards a growing collection...

"everyone has own personal feelings and experience"

The project will grow and evolve....

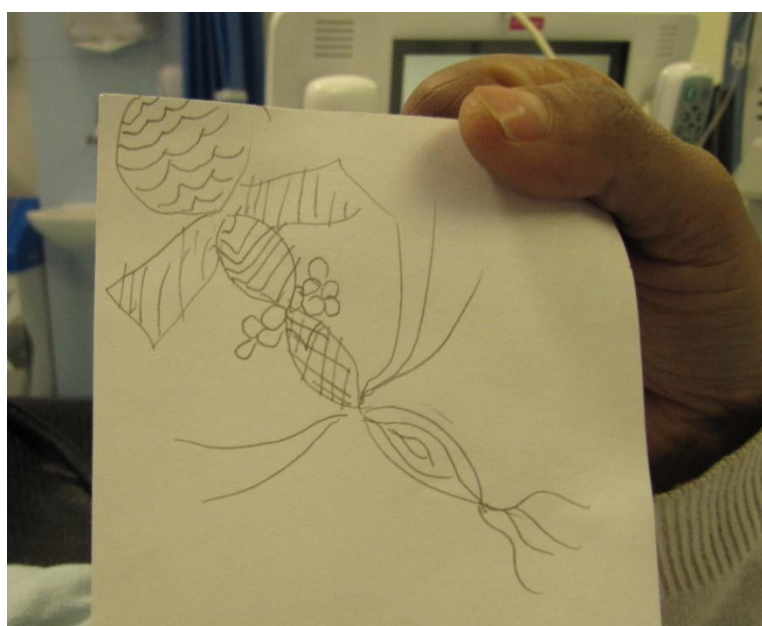
"I want it to be a good virus attaching to the areas that are disturbed that need looking after and getting better – what want for yourself and other people "



Images and a sculpture of a virus together with conversation were used to stimulate curiosity and imagination, and reflections captured.

"I'm enjoying this – it's therapeutic – passes time"

"we're not aware of what's around us"



"want to know what it is "

*"let my mind take me
wherever it needs to go"*

*"this is good fun – good as
hands bad"*

*"art is whatever you desire
and need at the time"*

Find out more about Viral Footprints...
www.expmedndm.ox.ac.uk/viral-footprints

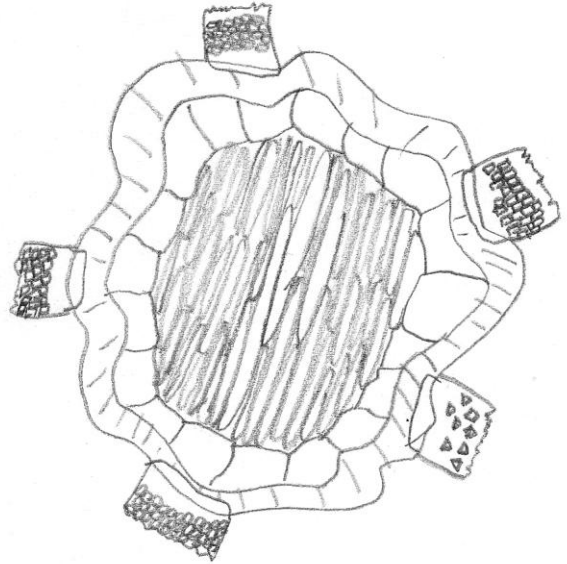
"does get boring – hard to concentrate"



"you've got me thinking"

"something comes into your head"

*"got to make the best of
what got"*



"you have to persist"

"don't be demoralised"

"it's a good thing to doodle – keeps your concentration"



*"I get tired – it keeps you
awake"*

For many people virus images reminded them of flowers and the outside world..



“definitely a good one – maybe fight against cancer”

“I’m stuck now – when get up so tired – full cupboard of paints and papers (at home)”



“I used to draw – I wish I could draw again”

“(at home) I do puzzles, and gardening and knitting, all sorts really”

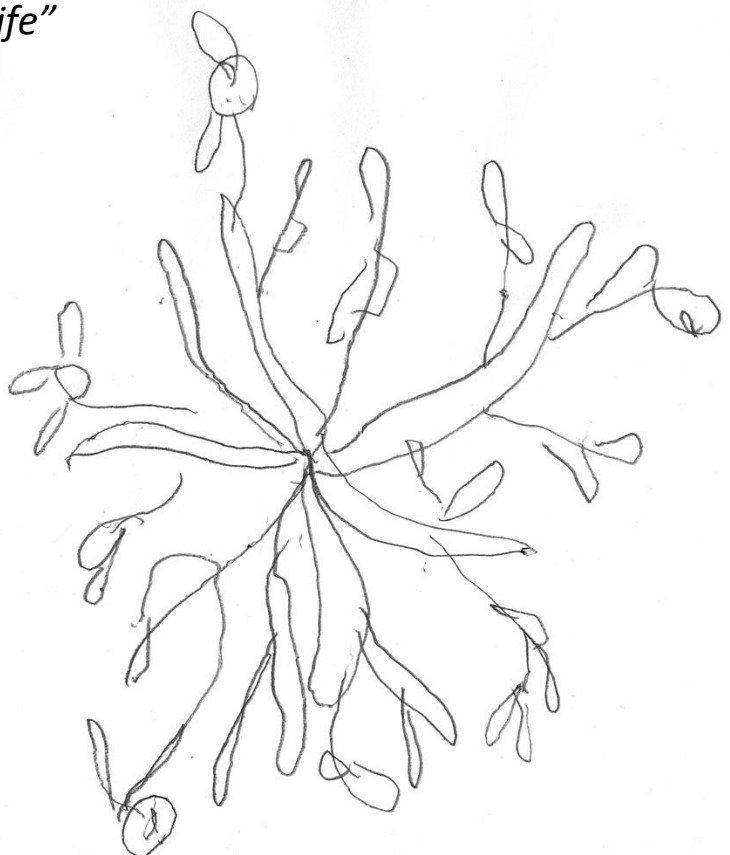
“it’s like a job – but you don’t get paid, but you get a life – better than being paid”

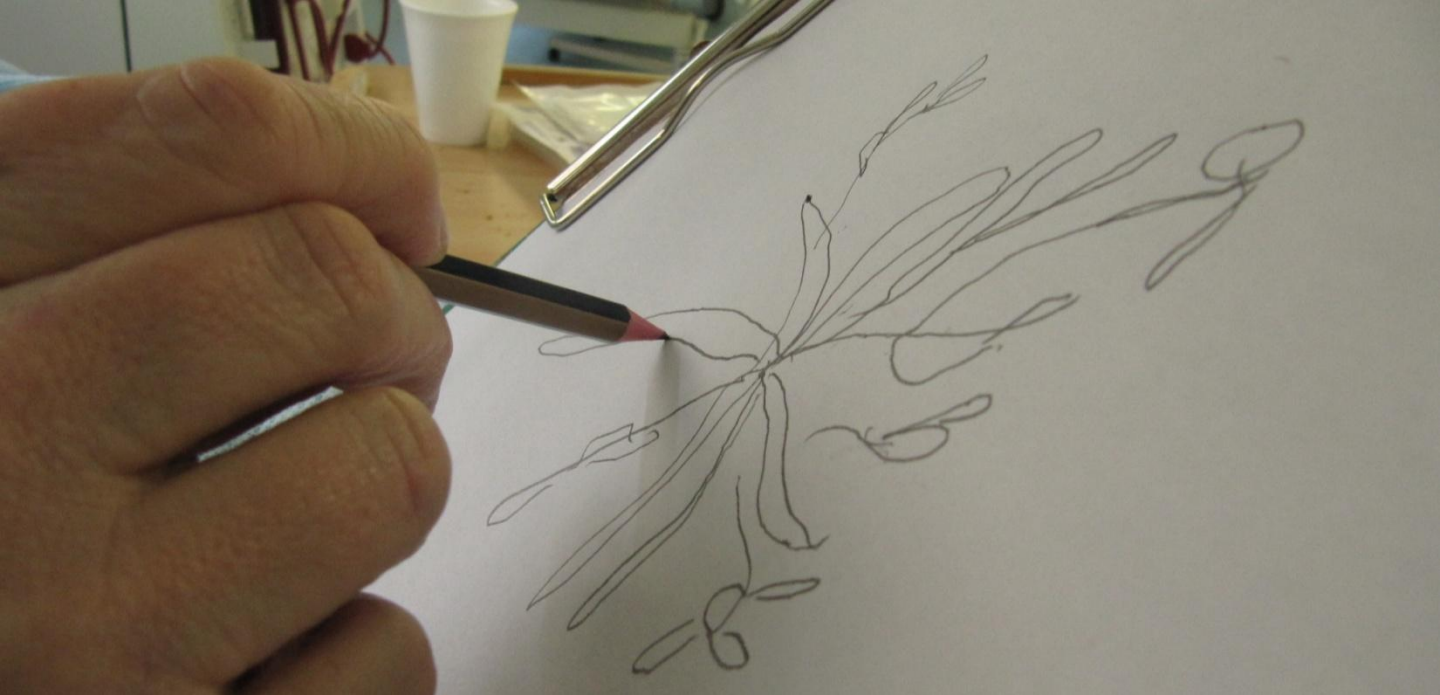
“it does interfere with life”

“have to be grateful though”

“I get very bored here – I don’t do anything but can’t draw anymore – that’s life”

“I see what you mean – I want to colour it in (colouring-in page created for project)”





“it’s creative”

“really enjoy it”

“people who don’t normally get to do much”

“it would be a good virus – help fight away things”

“a present from me to you”

“never thought of viruses before”

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