Life's an Discussion Tool

This tool can be used as a discussion aid for people with psoriasis during consultations with your GP / Nurse or Dermatologist.

Where does your psoriasis 'itch'?	How often do you experience 'itch'?
Please shade the areas of your body where you most frequently experience 'itch':	Tick the box which applies:
	Only when I do Most of the day
	Certain things Most of the day A few times a week Constantly
	At what times of the day do you normally experience 'itch'? Tick all those that apply: Morning Evening Afternoon Night
Front Back	What factors make your 'itch' worse? Tick all those that apply: Exercise (sweating) Certain types of clothing Being stressed Being ill Cold weather Other
How intense/painful is your 'itch'? Mark on this scale the level which indicates the intensity of your 'itch':*	How does it make you feel when your psoriasis is itching? Tick all those that apply:
	Depressed Frustrated
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Embarrassed Angry
No 'itch' Moderate Unbearable	Self concious Does not affect my mood
/painless 'itch'/pain 'itch'/pain	Fed up Other
Does 'itch' have an impact on your sle	Yes No
If so, how would you describe that impact?	
Difficulty getting to sleep Itching in	n sleep without waking
Woken up by 'itch' Other	

Are you impacted by 'itch' in any of the following settings?

Tick all those that apply and score according to the scale:

No impact	Minor impact			Moderate impact			Strong impact		Extreme impact
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
At work		At hom	ne		ut with fri	ends		In relatio	onships
Score*	Sco	re*	-	Score*			Score	9* 	-
Other (Please describe here):*									
Mark out of 10 the overall impact of 'itch' on your day-to-day life:*									

How would you describe your 'itch'?

We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to describe your 'itch.' Patients surveyed as part of the 'Life's an Itch' campaign often used the below words to describe their experience with 'itch'. Circle the word(s) which best describe your experience with 'itch' in psoriasis and/or insert your own words.



Plan of action

Ask your GP/ Nurse/ Dermatologist to work with you to fill in the below plan with next steps to tackle the 'itch' you experience with your psoriasis.

	Action	Who is responsible?	When to review?
1			
2			
3			

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NHS N°:	Total impact score:
Date of visit	To calculate the total impact score, add up all scores marked * (maximum possible score: 70)

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For more information about living with psoriasis, please go to **www.psoriasis-association.org.uk** or to find out more about the 'Life's an Itch' campaign, please go to **www.lifesanitch.co.uk**