# safetxt newsletter

**Total: 2860** participants

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#### The final 6 months

We are now in a very exciting stage of safetxt as we approach the final 6 months of recruitment. We are really pleased to see so many teams have progressed this month. Thank you very much to every team that has made it onto our recruitment wall of fame.

Please continue to get in touch with us if you would like us to send any more documents or to have a chat about how we can support your teams.

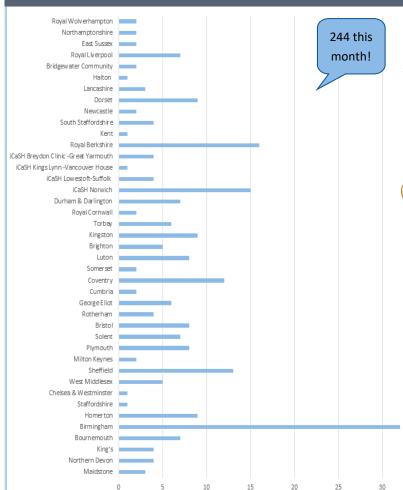
Well done to Luckveer from the George Eliot team who have started recruiting this month. They have had an excellent start and have recruited 6 participants! We look forward to the teams in Watford and Stevenage starting recruitment this month too.

We have upcoming site initiation visits planned in Central Manchester and NHS Lothian Edinburgh, and hopefully they will join us in recruiting to the trial soon.

We wish you all a happy autumn!

### **Monthly Recruitment graph**

please go to <a href="http://safetxt.lshtm.ac.uk/recruitment/">http://safetxt.lshtm.ac.uk/recruitment/</a> for total recruitment figures)



safetxt RECRUITMENT WALL OF FAME			
Improvers this month			
iCaSH Norwich	8	Torbay	4
Durham and Darlington	7	Brighton	3
George Eliot	6	Milton Keynes	2
Southampton	5	West Middlesex	2
Bristol	5	Luton	1
		Maidstone	1
Coventry	5	Dorset	1
Royal Liverpool	5	Newcastle	1
Bournemouth	4	iCaSH Great Yarmouth	1

Top 5 Leader board				
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**Chelsea & Westminster 176** 

**Sheffield** 

**Northern Devon** 170

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#### iCaSH Norwich celebrate safetxt success



A massive congratulations to our iCaSH Norwich Oak Street clinic for their amazing progress throughout their time on the trial. They have been recruiting since January 2017, and have consistently featured in the top 5 recruiting sites.

The team recently held a party (with their very own safetxt QUIZ) to celebrate the recruitment of their 100<sup>th</sup> participant.

Well done to Carl Turner, Evie Wooltorton and Bethany Burgess (pictured) who have been the driving force for recruiting to the study at iCaSH Norwich. Thank you all for your continued hard work on safetxt.

A further four iCaSH clinics in Great Yarmouth, Kings Lynn, Lowestoft and Ipswich have

recently joined the study too.

Lastly, thank you to Sam Nunn, who is the Clinical Research Studies Facilitator across all of these clinics. She has been an amazing support to all of the teams and was responsible for organising this party.



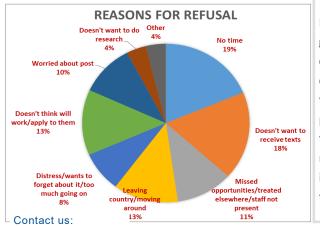


# **Screening log data**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be looking at some of the reasons why participants do not want to take part and making suggestions about how to address these.

## This month we will review: Participants worried about receiving letters in the post

- It is a good idea to remind participants that all letters are sent in a distinctive blue envelope, with no markings suggesting it is related to a clinical trial or sexual health. We can provide examples of the blue envelopes to show participants.
- We can send letters to an alternative address, perhaps a friends/relatives house.
- We send a text message/phone call to remind participants when they will be sent anything in the post.



#### **Nominate a safetxt HERO**

Many thanks to Magda from the Birmingham team who got in touch to tell us about one of their band 6 nurses, Michelle Mackey.

Magda explained "She is one of our Research Hero's for August 2017 for being so proactive and research friendly. In 3 weeks she recruited 10 participants for safetxt while performing her routine clinic duties. It was simply done by asking them to sign up to the study during their appointment. No one else works in a similar way apart

from myself but I'm a clinical research member of staff so I don't count."

Michelle said "I aim to involve all our young patients in this research. By giving them a small piece of information that explains if they take part they can really help us in the future with all young patients. I find that this essential piece of information is able to empower patients and encourage them to take part. Once they understand that it takes 5 minutes to complete and won't change their treatment, most patients are really open to taking part after a quick explanation of how it works. It is something that is much easier to approach face to face as you can ask them to sign up while in our department and any questions or worries can be answered there and then." Thank you to Michelle for your superb efforts on the trial.

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