



Well done for helping us reach our highest ever month of recruitment with 326 participants!

It has been a very exciting month for safetxt as we have been celebrating some important milestones. We are over the moon that all of our fantastic sites have helped to achieve the recruitment of over 3000 participants! The study is going from strength to strength and it would not be possible without the support from every one of our sites. There are now only 5 months remaining and everyone who has helped to recruit is making such a difference.

Well done to Gillian and the team in Lancashire who recruited an impressive 20 participants this month. Well done to **Nara and the Coventry team** for recruiting their **100th** participant this month! Well done to **Gill and the Sheffield team** for a brilliant month recruiting 29 participants. Well done for the phenomenal efforts from **Hannah and the Plymouth team** for recruiting their **300th** participant – as well as recruiting an incredible 38 participants this month! Also it goes without saying, we are sending tons and tons of appreciation to **Magda and the Birmingham team** for recruiting an **unbelievable 52 participants this month!!!!**

We also welcomed two new sites to the trial . Welcome to Anne and Jack from Edinburgh who also randomised their first participant this month. A very warm welcome to Lisa, Denise and Stephanie from Manchester University who joined us this month too!

One year questionnaires—Participants responses

Lots of amazing responses from participants about being involved in the trial at one year. Some examples:

“I have become more aware about what's out there therefore become more safe involving sexual activity. I am grateful for the help this study has provided and I'm happy with how it has went.”

“It's opened my eyes to how important safe sex/getting tested is. I feel I am now looking after my body and wellbeing. The text messages make me feel supported, and comfortable about the sensitive subject. It's all good. Thank you!”

“I learnt alot through the safetxt study. I'm grateful of all the help and advice.”

“It was a good constant reminder to be aware of safe sex and the consequences of not taking precautions. I liked the feeling of being part of research which will be used. I think it was a good experience and enjoyed the factual texts.”

“It was a nice feeling knowing I'm part of a study that will hopefully help other people in the future.”

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING US REACH OUR

3000TH

PARTICIPANT THIS MONTH!



Top stars this month



Top 5 Leader board



Follow up success

Please see our recent figures on our follow up rates. We are really pleased with the rate so far.

Four weeks follow up

89.3%

One year follow up

86.4%

Test kit returns

76%



Top 30 sites with highest monthly averages

Well done to those sites in the **top 30** scoreboard.

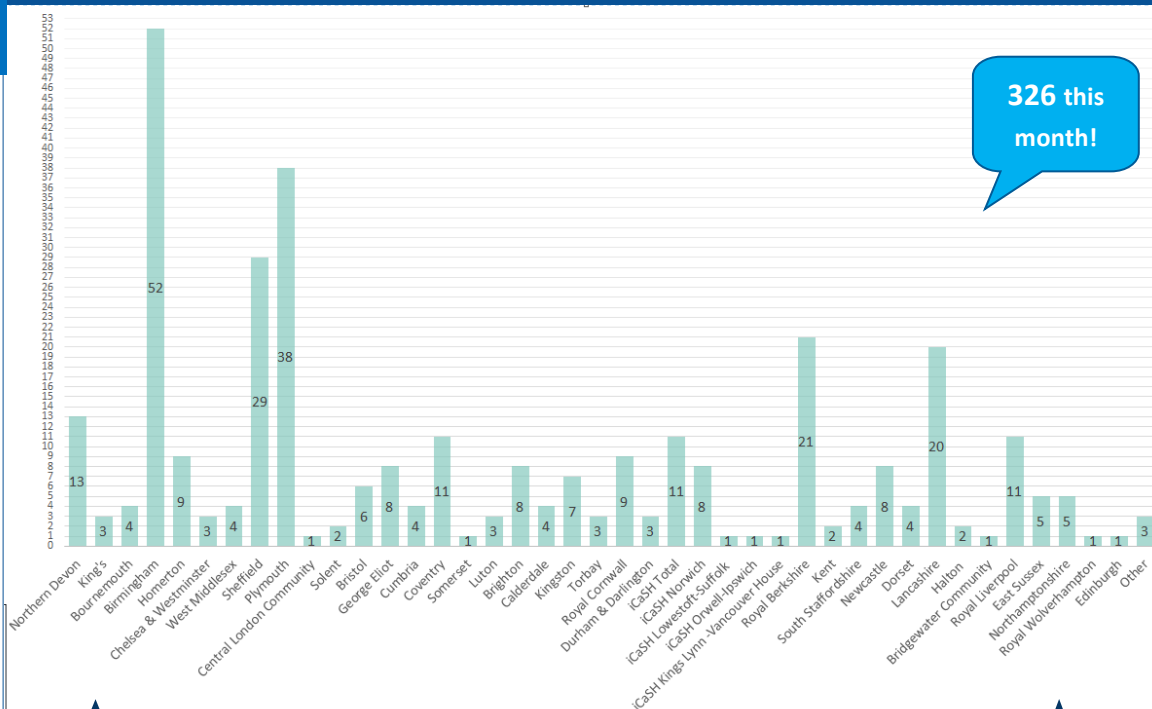
It is also fantastic that **17 sites** are reaching an average **over 5** participants per month! (and many others narrowly missing out!)

1	Plymouth	20
2	Birmingham	19.8
3	Sheffield	19.7
4	Royal Berkshire	16.7
5	iCaSH Norwich	12.8
6	Chelsea & Westminster	11.2
7	Northern Devon	9.6
8	Coventry	8.9
9	Kingston	8
10	Lancashire	7.4
11	Dorset	7
12	Luton	6.7
13	King's	6.2
14	Durham & Darlington	6.2
15	Newcastle	6
16	Royal Liverpool	5.2
17	Homerton	5.1
18	Bristol	4.9
19	Brighton	4.6
20	South Staffordshire	4.5
21	Bournemouth	4.3
22	Cumbria	4.2
23	Rotherham	3.8
24	Calderdale	3.8
25	Torbay	3.7
26	Royal Cornwall	3.5
27	Solent	3.4
28	iCaSH Kings Lynn	3.3
29	Somerset	3.2
30	Kent	3.2

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Monthly Recruitment Graph

(Please go to <http://safetxt.lshtm.ac.uk/recruitment/> for total recruitment figures)



Well done to the excellent sites that have improved this month:



Plymouth ↑30, Birmingham ↑19, Lancashire ↑16, Sheffield ↑16, Northern Devon ↑9, Royal Cornwall ↑7, Newcastle ↑6, Royal Berkshire ↑5, Royal Liverpool ↑4, Calderdale and Huddersfield ↑4, Brighton ↑3, East Sussex ↑3, Northamptonshire ↑3, Chelsea & Westminster ↑2, Cumbria ↑2, George Eliot ↑1, Kent ↑1 & Halton ↑1

Staff profile : Cari Free



Hi, I'm Cari Free. I am the Chief Investigator for the safetxt trial and worked on developing the intervention prior to the main trial.

I have been so impressed by the way everyone has worked so hard on the trial and recruited well.

I enjoy working on developing and evaluating interventions designed to provide people with the information and support they need to be or become healthy. All our interventions are developed with input from members of the public who the interventions are designed to support. I am a GP, Honorary Consultant in Sexual and Reproductive health and Associate Professor in Epidemiology here at LSHTM.

In my spare time I enjoy visiting art galleries, cooking and cycling. We have a son aged 13 and a new puppy called Bob aged 9 weeks!

Enrolling participants

You are all doing a fantastic job on the study and we want to ensure that your clinic is recognised for the efforts you have put into recruiting participants.

Please remind participants to put your clinic name in response to the 'Where did you get tested' question, regardless of where they got tested. The answer to this lets us know where the participant has been recruited from. Your clinic name should begin to appear as they start to type it in, if there are any clinic names you would like added to our database please let us know. Please also make sure that you include any house names or apartment numbers to ensure we have the full address to send participants their follow up and incentives for taking part. Thank you everyone for your continued support!

10. Where did you get tested? If you're not sure about the clinic name, please look at the sheet or text message you received from the clinic.

Start typing the name of the clinic and select the appropriate option from dropdown list

Other clinic:

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