

WELL DONE FOR RECRUITING OVER 4400 PARTICIPANTS!

safetxt Extension update

You may be aware that our recruitment is due to end on March 31st 2018. As we are slightly behind on our projections, our initial plans are to extend the recruitment period for 3 months. This means that recruitment will end on June 31st 2018, or until we reach our target of 5000 participants. We hope that you will all be able to continue recruiting with us until then.

There may also be a possibility of a further extension to the trial but this remains in the planning stages. Thanks for your patience with this and we will be in touch when we have finalised our plans.

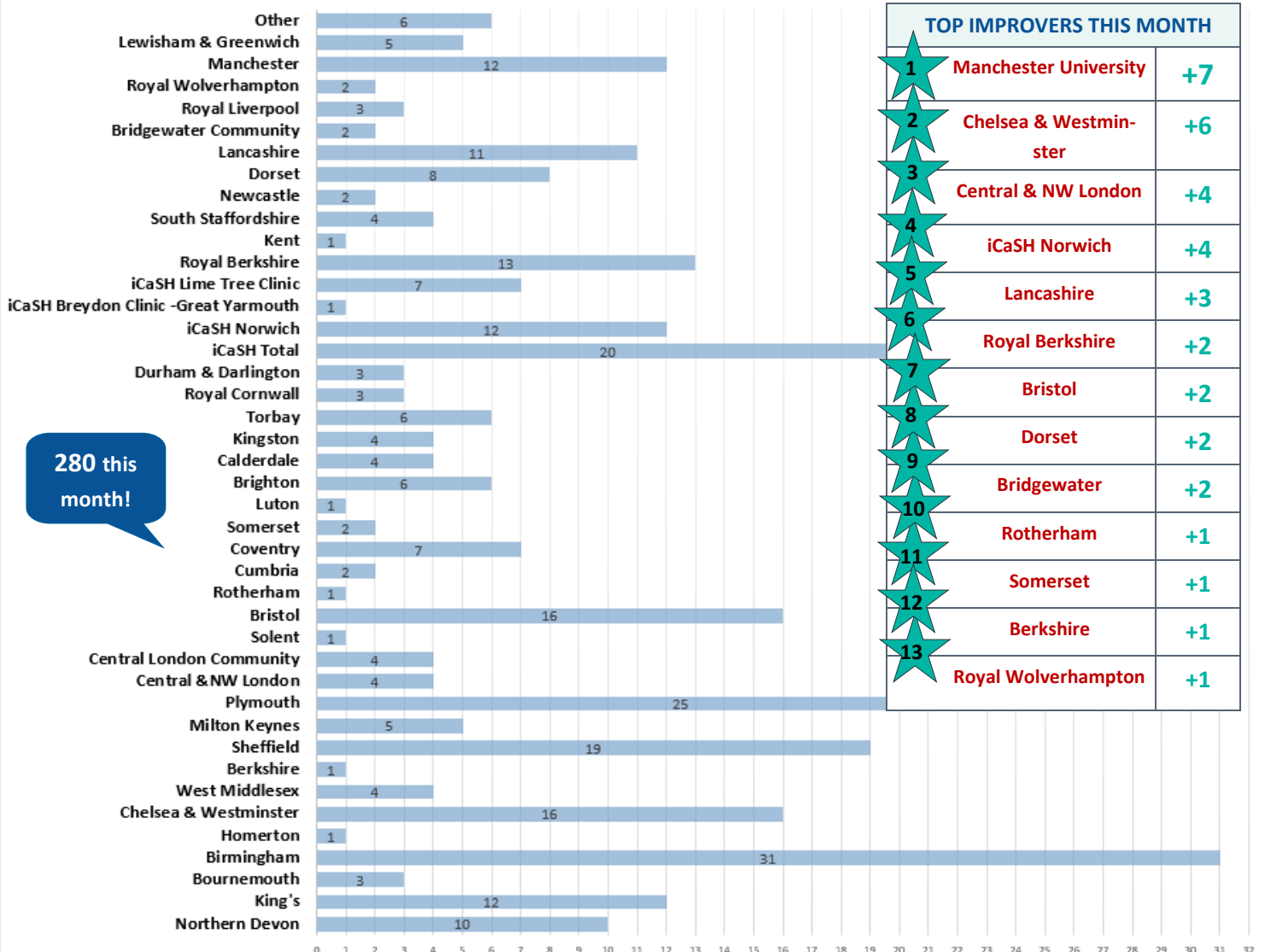
Teleconference call

Thank you to everyone this month for joining in on our doodle poll, we look forward to the two teleconference sessions next week to discuss some screening and recruitment strategies to see us through to the end of the study.

You should have all received an email with the dial-in details. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

RECRUITMENT

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



280 this month!

Follow up update

As you may be aware, there is a team here at the CTU who are responsible for the follow up of all of the participants.

On Tuesdays the safetxt team work 11am until 7pm in order to get through the 4 week and 1 year follow up calls. We have 4 members of staff working on the follow up for safetxt to ensure that the letters and phone calls go out to our participants on a timely basis. We thought you might be interested to know how much we send out in an average month sent out to the participants in order to maximise the recruitment.

It is an incredible amount of work but all made possible by the fantastic recruitment levels at the clinics.



Lucy's desk when preparing the test kits for the participants



Test kits all boxed up ready to go into the envelopes



Sack of envelopes ready to be sent off

Follow up staff

Lucy Collier

I have been working at LSHTM for almost 5 months as a Trials Assistant, helping out with safetxt as well as two other trials. I'm currently in my gap year and will be going on to study Biology at university which I'm really looking forward to.



Christina Sparks

I have recently joined LSHTM as a Trials Assistant, and am currently working full time on the safetxt trial. Since graduating in 2011, I have worked in the financial services industry and as a primary school teacher in West London. I'm excited about the new challenge of working in the Clinical Trials Unit, and look forward to working with you all! When not at work, I love travelling and seeing new places, and am attempting to visit a new city every month in 2018!



Please also feel free to contact us if you need to check some participant details or recruitment numbers:

Lucy's phone number is: 0207 927 8231

Christina's phone number is: 0207 927 8363



February follow up statistics

552

Phone calls were made this month

341

test kits were sent out this month

313

1 year letters were sent out this month

289

Pre-notification text messages were sent out this month

174

4 week letters were sent out this month

On top of this there are thank you slips and of course the cash incentives.