

safetxt newsletter

Total: 5104 participants

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Thank You!

Thank you to each and every one of our sites for helping to us to accomplish the incredible achievement of recruiting over 5000 participants into safetxt.

As you will all know we have received approval for amendment 11 which means we are able to continue recruiting to 6250 participants. Currently we are extending recruitment to the end of June 2018. We expect to hear back from the funders by early June of whether our grant extension has been approved, in which case we will extend recruitment to September 2018. We will of course let you know as soon as we hear the outcome. We thank you for all of your continuous support and will keep you updated with the progress of this.



Hamper competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS HAMPER WINNERS

Newcastle & George Eliot

You will each receive 2 safetxt mugs and a huge cake for exceeding your target



Hamper runners up

Well done to the following teams for also exceeding their monthly target this month! We really appreciate your extra efforts.

Northern Devon	Solent
Homerton	Bristol
Chelsea & Westminster	Brighton
Plymouth	Edinburgh
iCaSH Breydon	

Professor Free!

Congratulations to our Chief Investigator Caroline Free on being appointed a Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine this month!

It is a fantastic and well deserved achievement!



safetxt achievements



Congratulations to our teams in **Lancashire Care** and **Homerton** who all recruited their **100th** participant into safetxt in May!



A massive congratulations to Health Advisor Louise Pritchard at Northern Devon (left) who has single-handedly recruited over 100 participants into safetxt!



Congratulations to top recruiters Helen Keegan and Sarah Freeborn (right) from Sheffield who received certificates for recruiting over 60 participants into safetxt!

Amendments update

Update

We have had both amendment 11 and amendment 12 approved recently which means we have the following new documents:

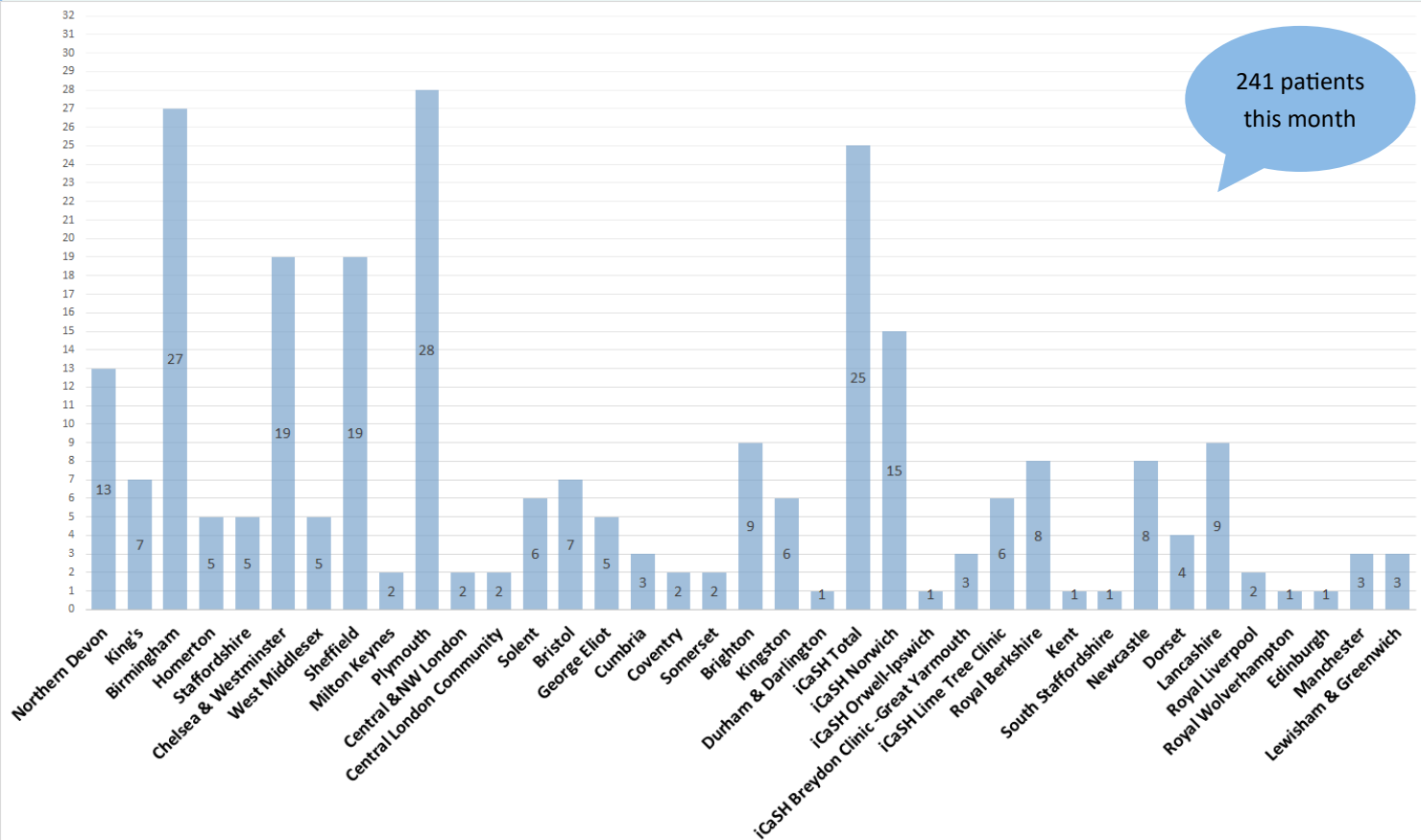
- PIS version 8 updated to include information on how long we store participants data.
- Consent form version 8 updated to match the new PIS.
- Protocol version 9 updated to reflect the sample size increase to 6250 participants, and to clarify the exclusion criteria for participants without mental capacity or the ability to understand English.
- Postage slip for participants was created to simplify that test kits can be sent back in a post box and by freepost.

You should have all received the emails containing the approvals and your newly localised documents. Please let us know if you have not received these.

We will send out paper copies for you this week.

Recruitment graph

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



241 patients
this month

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Short Course

Essentials of Clinical Trials

This course provides attendees with a clear understanding of the fundamental principles of Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs). Lectures and practical sessions cover the key issues to be considered in design, conduct, analysis and reporting, with a focus on major clinical trials which directly influence clinical practice. Topics are addressed with perspectives from both public sector research and the pharmaceutical industry. The course is relevant to those who are keen to gain an understanding of the rigorous evaluation of interventions in health care, including clinical research professionals, research managers, and other scientists with an interest in clinical trials.

The course runs for 5 days from the 25th June to 29th June 2018. For further information and an application form please visit:

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/courses/short-courses/clinical-trials>

Enrolling patients

Just a reminder that if you are recruiting participants using paper copies of the baseline and consent form, please enrol these participants online as soon as possible after taking consent. The main reasons for this being:

- **The text messages received by the intervention group are most beneficial if participants receive them immediately after a positive diagnosis/treatment. If they do not receive them as soon as possible afterwards we may not see an effect in the intervention. This will be vital to our data at the end of the study.**
- **Participants are only eligible for 2 weeks after their initial diagnosis/treatment and so if it takes 2 weeks to enrol them they may be ineligible.**

We appreciate how hard everyone is working and how busy you all are. We are more than happy to enrol participants for you if you fax us their baseline and consent to our secure number.



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