



newsletter

Welcome to the May newsletter. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that most of you managed to enjoy some sunny weather.

April was another busy month for safetxt. A site initiation visit recently took place at Lancashire Care and we have three more planned in the next few weeks at Royal Liverpool Hospital, East Sussex and Northamptonshire Care. We look forward to having these centres on board.

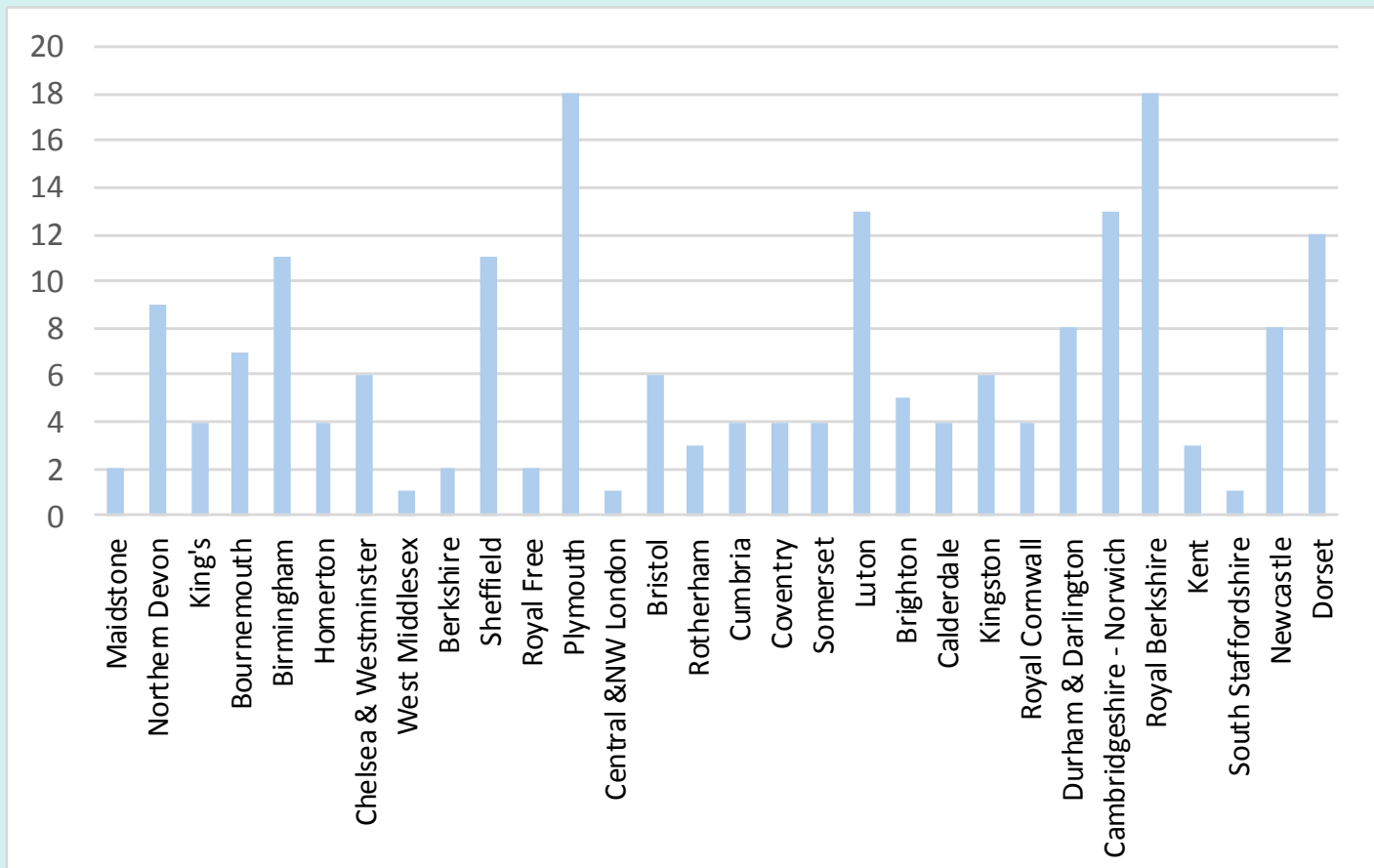
Recruitment Update

Recruitment has continued to be excellent despite the Easter break with 194 patients from 30 sites. We now have over 1500 participants!



Well done to Chrissie and the team at Royal Berkshire, and Hannah and the team at Plymouth who were our highest recruiting centres this month.

Congratulations to the teams at Dorset who had a fantastic start to recruitment. Well done to Memory and the team at Luton and Michaela and the team at Bournemouth who are continuing to improve recruitment each month. Thank you to Sam and the team at iCaSH Norwich for another great month of recruitment. Once again, thank you to everyone else for continuing to recruit well.



Please refer to our website (safetxt.lshtm.ac.uk) for overall recruitment figures into the study. We will be updating this twice a month now so that you can keep track of your figures.

Amendment 8 update

As you are all aware, we submitted Amendment 8 to ethics a few months back. This amendment included the leaflet for participants.

There has been a short delay with the approvals but will be contacting all sites as soon as we have them in place.

Meet our team: [Laura Van Dyck](#)



Laura is working as a Data Manager within the Clinical Trials Unit at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Laura has worked in clinical trials for over 14 years, and since returning to LSHTM she worked on a paediatric intensive care trial (CHiP).

Outside of work, Laura loves to travel and is an avid Southampton FC football fan.

Laura submits the accruals for the safetxt trial to the NIHR. The accruals are based on the question in the baseline questionnaire that asks 'Where did you get tested?' so it is important to keep reminding participants of the correct clinic name when responding to this question.

In doing this we can also ensure that you receive an email notification when someone is randomised.

Please get in touch if you would like to amend or add any other clinic names to the system. If you are finding that you are not receiving the email notifications each time you have randomised a participant then we can look at whether adjusting the clinic name would help.

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Motivating staff

We had a really good discussion at the nurses meeting about how to motivate staff working on the trial.

Judith from Kingston said they put notes on the system for potential safetxt participants so anyone who looks at that patient will see the note. You cannot move on until you have closed the pop-up note.

Hannah from Plymouth also said they ask nurses to put notes on the system so anyone contacting the patient is reminded about the study.

Monika from Birmingham leaves labels on the computers in the clinical rooms.

Nara from Coventry provides staff with something for their revalidation, such as a certificate.

In response to some of the brilliant suggestions from you at the nurses meeting, we are currently working on some poster designs that you can leave in clinical areas.

The main aim of the posters are to: act as a reminder to staff about recruiting participants to the trial, a reminder to staff about the inclusion and exclusion criteria, and to remind staff about the benefits of working on the trial and working in research.

We will send these out to everyone this month and would really appreciate your feedback.

safetxt certificates

We have produced some certificates for nurses and research staff working on the trial.

They include certificates for 'Outstanding efforts for working on the safetxt trial', and for recruiting 10, 20, 30, 50 and 100 participants.

Please let us know the names of any staff members that are entitled to any of the certificates above. We will get them printed and sent out on request.

Please also get in touch if you have any other ideas for a certificate. We appreciate your hard work and efforts working on the trial so want to make sure it is recognised.