



newsletter

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Welcome to Lancashire Care, Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen and East Sussex who opened for recruitment in May.

Thank you to Monica and the team at Homerton for their time for a visit to discuss the study with their clinical team to help raise awareness.

Cambridgeshire Community are also planning to open hub clinics in Lowestoft and Ipswich during June. If you would like to open any new clinics in your area, please contact Kim to discuss.

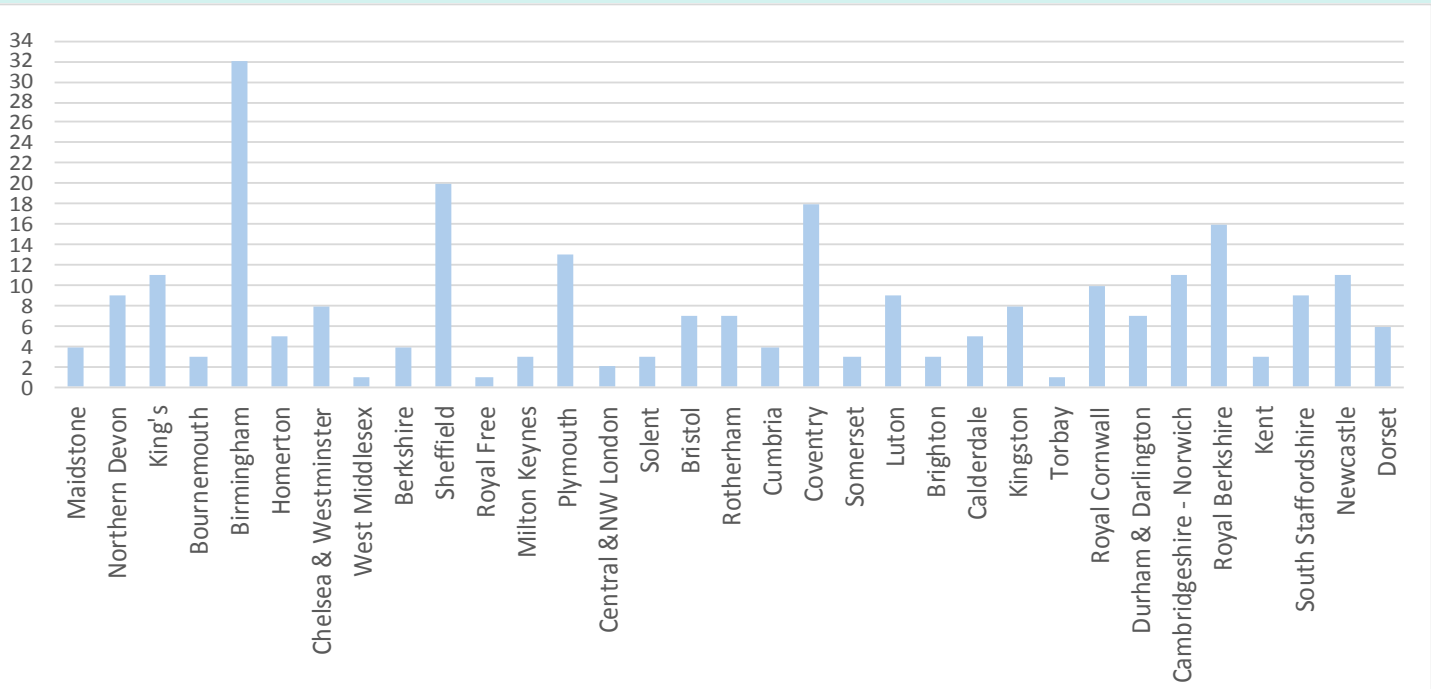
Recruitment this month

Well done to Anne at Milton Keynes for randomising her first participant this month.

Congratulations to Hannah Gott and the team at Plymouth, and Gill Bell and the team at Sheffield who both recruited their 200th participant. This is a fantastic achievement. Special mention this month also goes to Monika at Birmingham, Nara at Coventry, Sara at Cornwall, Victoria and the team at Newcastle and Andy and the team at South Staffordshire and Shropshire who have all had their top months since they opened.

The first sites have received certificates for recruitment. Congratulations to Louise Pritchard, Clare Davidson and Maggie Rice at North Devon, Joe Deering at Calderdale and Huddersfield, Mini Thankachen at Chelsea and Westminster, Rita Madden at Coventry, and Sally Howlett, Margaret Turner, Helen Jackson and Jenny Warvell at Sheffield.

If any staff at your site have recruited 10, 20, 30, 50 or 100 participants to safetxt we can send them a certificate to recognise their hard work. Please email Kim with the staff details if you would like one to be sent.



Please refer to our website (safetxt.lshtm.ac.uk) for overall recruitment figures into the study.

Recruiting by text message

We would encourage all sites that have not yet tried to text participants the safetxt.org link to give it a go.

Sending information by text can be a good way of sending the information to participants who were missed at their clinic appointment. Some sites also text participants the link when they have been in touch with them by telephone and this is a good reminder for them to have a look at the website.

Nara, our research nurse in Coventry tried it out for the first time this month and found it very successful.

She said ' We are not always sure who had been approached in our evening clinics when the research team is not around. Trying to get in touch with participants by phone call afterwards is sometimes difficult. We tried texting participants the link. So far we have texted 16 participants and have successfully recruited as a result.'

Thank you Nara for your feedback.

Meet our team: Daniel Hetherington

Dan joined LSHTM in September 2012 and has been working as a Trial Assistant on a range of trials including ERIC-PPCI, REVIVED, CRASH 3, WOMAN and HALT-IT trials.

In his spare time, Dan likes to travel, cycle and cook.

He has recently been helping to support the four week follow-up for participants in the safetxt trial.



One year follow up has started!

Now that we have amendment 8 ethically approved we have started the 1 year follow up. This involves posting out the questionnaire and self testing kits to participants who have been in the study for 1 year. Please help us by ensuring that participants are aware of the importance of agreeing to the follow up, when recruiting to the study. More information on the 1 year process will be included in further newsletters.

Recruiting pack for Clinicians

With the help of some great feedback from some of our recruiting sites, we have been working on putting together some documents that sites can use to help engage local clinical staff.

The recruiting pack will include the following:

- stickers for computers to remind clinical staff about the study
- Posters to promote the study with clinicians
- Reminder slips for clinic staff
- Example scripts for staff to use to discuss the study with potential participants
- Example text messages to send to participants
- Additional information about the text messages used in the intervention

Thank you to Jose at Cumbria, Aimee at Maidstone, Monika in Birmingham, James at Bristol and Nara in Coventry who have all helped develop these resources. If you have any other suggestions, please contact Kim (Kimberley.Potter@lshtm.ac.uk)

Amendment 8

We have now received REC and HRA approval for amendment 8. All sites have been sent electronic copies of the new documentation and hard copies of the new localised documents have been posted out.

Sites should now be using the following documents:

- Protocol version 8
- Participant information sheet version 7
- Consent form version 7

Approval was also received for the new participant information leaflet (version 1) which can be used to promote the study with participants.

The one year follow up letters and questionnaire were submitted as part of this amendment. These have been sent to sites for reference.

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