safetxt newsletter

Total: 2352 participants

Hi everyone,

We hope that you are all enjoying the summer so far. It is a pleasure to say that we are **almost half way** to our recruitment target. Recruitment has been fantastic this month and we are so pleased with the excellent progress from sites every month. On the week of 17th July, we had our highest ever week of recruitment with 88 participants! A big well done to Judith and the team in Kingston who recruited their highest ever number of participants this month recruiting an astounding 19! Michaela and the Bournemouth team also had an incredible month recruiting 13 participants! We have seen remarkable progress also from Pauline and the Torbay team, Olivia and the Somerset team, and Rhona and the Berkshire team!

Well done to our new starters to recruitment, Graham and the team in Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen who have had a marvellous start recruiting 6 this month. Also, excellent work from Anne and the East Sussex team who recruited their first participant this month.

In other news, we have a site initiation visit organised for Royal Wolverhampton on August 1st. We are also hoping to open sites in Edinburgh, Cwm Taf, Wirral, Northumbria, Lewisham and Greenwich, Central Manchester and three GP surgeries in Wales (Llandaff North, Roath House Cardiff and Whitchurch Road Cardiff) in the near future. We have just submitted an amendment to include these extra sites and look forward to having them on board.

Summer hamper draw

We are so glad that our wonderful team in Bristol enjoyed the delicious goodies that they won in the last hamper draw.
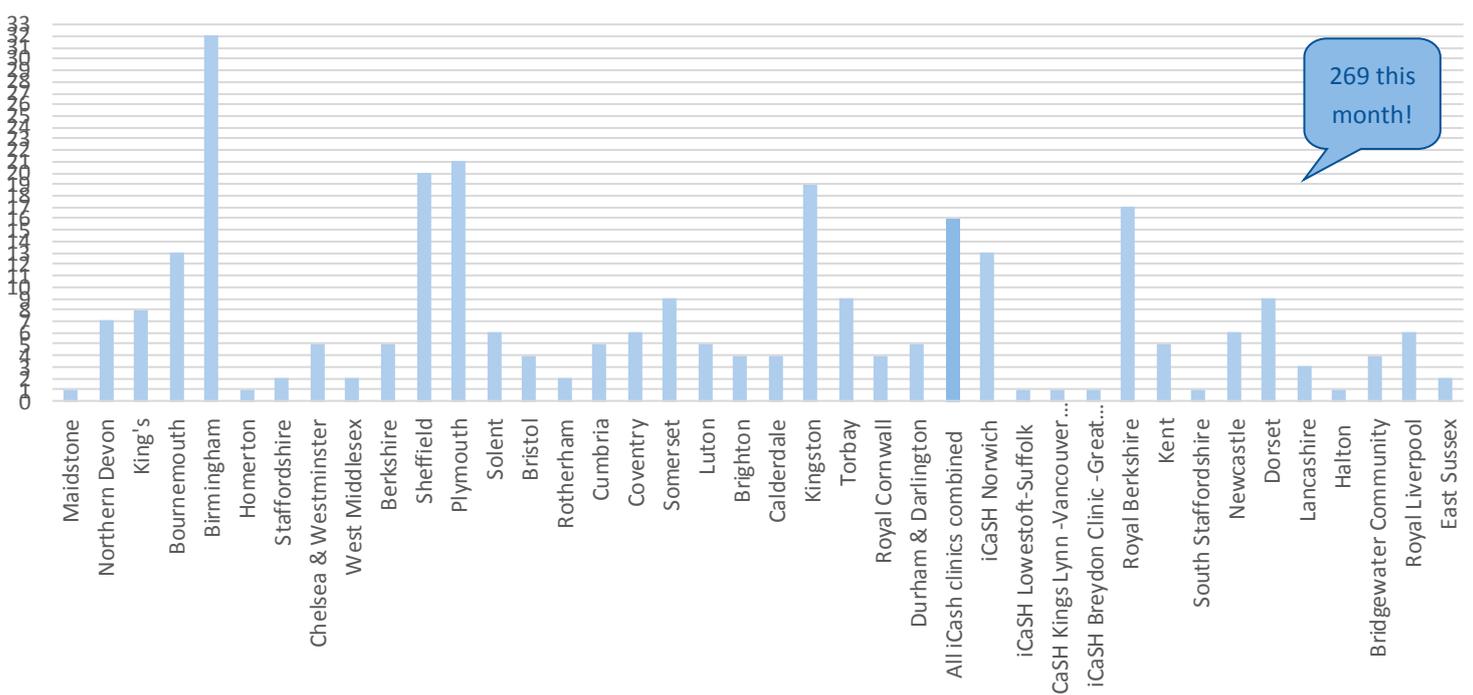

In light of all of the progress we have seen, we will enter you into our next draw for the delightful hamper below for every team that recruits **more participants in August** than recruited in July.

Monthly Recruitment graph

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

269 this month!

safetxt in North Devon

Our lovely team in North Devon have been recruiting since April 2016, and were one of the first teams to start recruiting to safetxt. So far, they have recruited an astonishing 156 participants into the trial.

Louise Pritchard (pictured, bottom left) received a certificate for recruiting 50 patients to the safetxt study - she has now recruited over 75! This is what she says about her experience recruiting patients for the study:

"safetxt is always on my radar and I enjoy having the opportunity to offer the study at The Centre Clinic. I say to patients that safetxt is potentially a 'fight back against chlamydia' (as most of our recruited patients have chlamydia), and that a small amount of filling in paperwork could reap benefits - and there is no need to take a trial drug or placebo!

To think the study could play a part in reducing STI numbers spurs me on. I see day-to-day the distress chlamydia and other STI diagnoses cause, so I use any opportunity I can, including follow-up calls to promote safetxt."

As a team we have given staff incentives to recruit patients to the study, including winning a Devon cream tea. However, it hasn't been difficult to recruit patients to the study - we already use text messages to send patients information leaflets, links to patient information videos, appointment reminders and test results; so being offered the safetxt study seems to be all part of the service, and patients appreciate that. Most people don't want to get an STI again and seem motivated to reduce this chance of this as much as possible.

Louise Pritchard and Clare Davidson, Nurse Advisers and star safetxt patient recruiters, taken with their certificates

safetxt in Coventry and Warwickshire

Well done to Rita Madden from Coventry and Warwickshire trust.

She was presented with flowers last week as a thank you for her continued support on the safetxt trial.

Participant feedback

We have started to receive our one year questionnaires back from participants. So far we have had some really good responses and below is an example of how valued and worthwhile your support on the trial is to our participants.

SECTION 7

Did anything good or bad happen as a result of being involved in the study or receiving the text messages? Please describe.

Something good:
It made me feel cared about by the NHS and proves to me, things are being done to make changes and to gain a higher understanding!

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