

Welcome to the October edition of the safetxt newsletter.

Congratulations Jo, Jane and the team at Solent and Gill Bell and the team at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals who recruited their first participants.

This month, special mention also goes to the teams at North Devon, Birmingham, Chelsea and Westminster, Sheffield and Plymouth who all recruited at least 10 participants.

Overall, 254 participants have been recruited which is fantastic. September was the best month for recruitment so far with 98 participants recruited. The aim for October will be to recruit at least 100 safetxt patients so please keep screening!

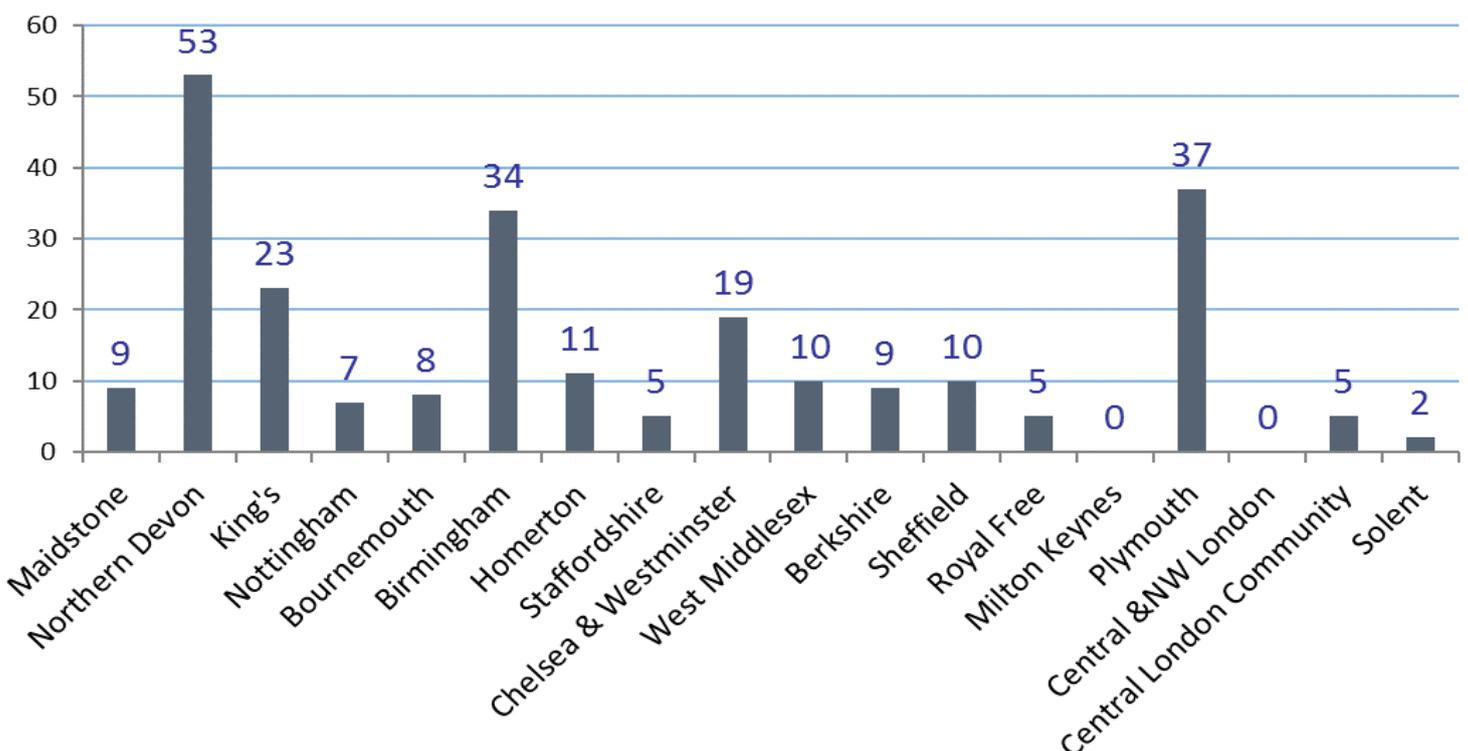
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We currently have 18 sites open for recruitment.

Bristol is due to open for recruitment on the 1st October.

There are also site initiations arranged for Worcestershire Health Care, Rotherham, and Somerset in October and Brighton in November.

Recruitment Update



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Hi, my name is Lauren. I joined the safetxt team last month as the new trial assistant assisting with the follow up. Some of you may have spoken to me already, I'll be providing general support to Kim and Becky. Before coming to LSHTM I recently graduated in Psychology from the University of Bath, and worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Manchester. In my spare time I enjoy reading and going to gigs.

Nurses Teleconferences

There are two teleconferences for nurses taking place on Tuesday 11th October at 11.30am and Thursday 13th October at 11am. These will be a good opportunity to find out more about how other sites are running safetxt and will also give you an opportunity to ask the safetxt management team any questions you have.

If you would like to join one of these teleconferences, please email Kim (Kimberley.potter@lshtm.ac.uk). The teleconferences are open to staff at recruiting sites and sites setting up the trial.

Follow up

The four week and one year follow up are important for the safetxt trial. Although follow up is managed by the team at LSHTM CTU, it is important that participants are aware of what is involved when they are approached about the study and know that they will be contacted by post to complete the questionnaires and test kit.

Screening Logs

Screening logs are really important to help understand why eligible patients are not recruited. This data is carefully reviewed on a regular basis by the Trial Management Group. This can help us to find ways to improve recruitment into the study.

Please try to keep a record of patients who are eligible and approached for the study, and whether they decline to participate. If you are able to get any comments on why they refused this is also really helpful.

If one of your team can send us the logs at the beginning of each month for the previous month this would really help. This can be in any format you might already use locally, sent without any participant identifiable information, or in the screening log template you receive in your trial site file. If you would like an electronic version of this template please get in touch with Kim (Kimberley.potter@lshtm.ac.uk).

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