

Hello Hi-lighters,

We hope this finds you well and you've had a good start to 2018! What a year 2017 was for the trial; this time last year the Data Monitoring Committee had confirmed that we needed a further 76 participants recruiting into the trial, and here we are a year later having risen to the challenge and completed recruitment, what a fantastic effort! We are also saying welcome back to trial manager Garry, who has returned from 4 months paternity leave.

In 2018 it is important we remain focused on retention. As communicated before Christmas, obtaining 9 month data for as many remaining participants as possible continues to be our priority. If we don't get this data for all participants still in the trial there is a real chance that we will not be able to answer the clinical question the trial poses. We will be monitoring retention closely until the last participant last visit (due in June 2018) and keep in touch with sites to assist in any way we can. If there is anything you feel we should be made aware of that is making it difficult for you to obtain this data then please get in touch. Remember if the participant is unable to attend their final visit, you should make every effort to get this data over the phone. Keep up the great work all!

Kind regards, Jen

## Retention update

\*the below is calculated from data in MACRO - if you have any outstanding data entry please ensure this is entered as soon as possible

Site	Current Performance				Potential Improvements
	Randomised	Reached 9 month point	Primary Outcome collected 9 months	Current Retention	Potential Retention
01 Cannock	60	59	41	69%	70%
02 Bradford	39	38	27	71%	72%
03 Cardiff	42	40	29	73%	74%
04 Norwich	32	31	20	65%	66%
05 Solihull	45	43	33	77%	78%
06 Glasgow	20	18	12	67%	70%
07 Whipps Cross	25	24	14	58%	60%
08 Birmingham Children's	15	13	11	85%	87%
09 York	28	25	19	76%	79%
10 Derby	39	37	24	65%	67%
11 Nottingham	32	30	26	87%	88%
12 Chelsea and Westminster	36	35	23	66%	67%
13 Durham	24	20	12	60%	67%
14 Royal London	19	13	7	54%	68%
15 Middlesbrough	35	30	10	33%	43%
16 Sandwell	26	24	17	71%	73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>71%</b>

**Remember - every participant counts! You can make a difference overall!**

### Device Guidance

The light devices are now the property of your Trust, and you are free to do with them as you see fit; however, device allocation will not be revealed before the end of the trial. If you wish to use the devices in the meantime please liaise with your medical physics department, devices can be altered for use using manufacturer guidelines (Dermfix). Should your Medical Physics department require further guidance please advise them to contact Andy Rogers (head of medical physics at NUH), email [andy.rogers@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:andy.rogers@nuh.nhs.uk)

### Withdrawals

Please ensure that you only mark a participant as withdrawn if they have expressly withdrawn their consent to take part in the trial. A lot of participants that have stopped treating early have been marked as withdrawn, however, these participants should have the premature discontinuation forms completed and remain in the trial if they are still happy to receive follow up; marking a participant as withdrawn will mean they will not receive any questionnaires.

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