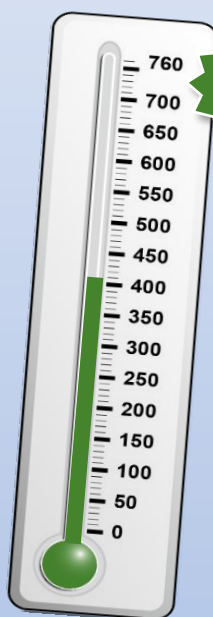




What is RETAKE? A randomised controlled trial testing whether an early, stroke-specific vocational rehabilitation intervention is more effective than usual care alone for getting people back to work after their stroke.

Patient, Carer, and Public Involvement prize

At the UK Stroke Forum Conference in December, 2019, a £100 prize was presented to the RETAKE PPI team, and accepted on their behalf by Dr Kate Radford and PPI Margaret Cheng. Congratulations to the PPI team and many thanks for your support!



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Study update

We now have **16** sites open, **414** participants recruited, and **50** therapists trained to deliver the trial intervention.

Thanks to your advice, our participant questionnaire response rate has increased to **70%**. To increase this even more, please encourage participants to complete and return questionnaires. Thank you!

RETAKE staff update

- Jain Holmes has gained a senior research fellow post on the ROWTATE trial. She will continue her role as a RETAKE mentor alongside this.
- Rachel Cripps, RETAKE research assistant, will be leaving to take up a new role. The team thank her for her hard work, and wish her all the best in her future career.
- Two research assistants have joined the RETAKE team, Sara Clarke and Kristelle Craven. Sara has experience in clinical trials research, and Kristelle is an occupational therapist with systematic review experience.



Congratulations to RETAKE OTs, Bernadette Mason and Marie Martland. They won an award for 'Best Contribution in a Community Setting' at the Greater Manchester Clinical Awards (image above).

Good news

- RETAKE mentor, Ruth Tyerman, has been awarded a fellowship from the Royal College of Occupational Therapy for her outstanding work in vocational rehabilitation.
- RETAKE has been included on the Krysalis OT80 list, an international awards list commemorating those making history in the field of OT.
- Dr Jain Holmes and Dr Kate Radford presented and received the 'Top Scoring Abstract' prize at the UK Stroke Forum conference. The abstract was entitled, 'Evaluating occupational therapists' (OTs) competence to deliver a complex vocational rehabilitation intervention in the RETurn to work after stroke (RETAKE) trial.

