



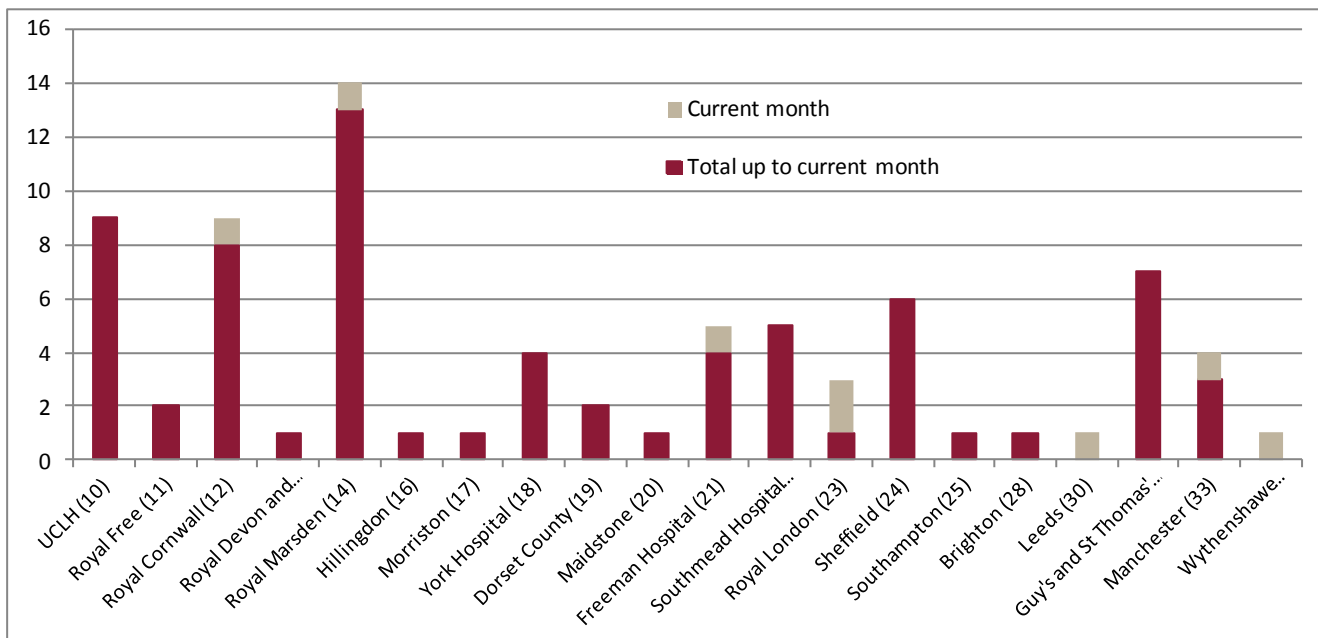
PREVENTT News

Set up is continuing to progress at several sites with the final site initiation of the year at Northampton General Hospital on 3rd December. This will be the 28th PREVENTT site initiation and thanks go to all the teams who have worked so hard to set up the trial at their sites. There will be further site initiations in January. Protocol amendment 4 will be submitted before Christmas and sites will be notified when approvals have been received. Once these are in place, further details and the new documents will be sent round to all centres.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for PREVENTT over the past year and wish you a very happy holiday. We look forward to working with you all again in the new year.

PREVENTT Recruitment– 78 Patients Randomised

Thank you to all sites who have recruited patients during November. There have been 8 patients randomised at 7 different sites. Congratulations to the teams at Leeds and Wythenshawe who recruited their first patients. Remember the challenge to recruit your one patient before Christmas – this would give us nearly 100 patients recruited during 2014 which would be a fantastic achievement!



PREVENTT Office Christmas Closure

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will be closed from the 24th December to the 4th January inclusive. During this time there will be no cover in the PREVENTT Clinical Trials Unit so if you have any urgent clinical queries please forward them to Toby Richards - toby.richards@ucl.ac.uk. Please also refer to the study website <http://preventt.lshtm.ac.uk/faqs> for a comprehensive list of FAQs .

A Note from the Chief Investigator

Dear PREVENTTers

Many thanks for all the hard work you have all been putting into PREVENTT. We are doing well and 2014 has been a success. The trial is on track and we have international recognition.

We currently have 26 sites open and another 5 in process. We are launching another advertising campaign through the CRN and also Association of Surgeons and have a target of 35 sites open to recruitment. This way we will aim to achieve 20 patients a month in 2015. I know it has been challenging to set up the trial and we have been in regular communication with all PIs and nurses. The issues and problems experienced are similar to other trials. We are really keen to help with recruitment and ensure that the trial is successful across all our sites.

With Christmas coming up it is an excellent opportunity to really set up recruitment ready for the start of 2015. The reason is that most surgery generally shuts down over Christmas and New Year.

Consequently there is now a push to get cases done by Christmas as most surgeons are planning their diaries till the year end. Second is that many surgeons are booking non urgent cases for January rather than operate over the two week holiday period. Therefore there are opportunities to recruit before Christmas and also plenty of time to plan for cases in January as the time between recruitment and operation will be extended.

We have been listening very closely to comments and the next round of protocol changes will hopefully be in place for the start of the new year. This includes a change in the HB for men from 12g/dL to 13g/dL and a change to the definition of major surgery (one hour).

Overall PREVENTT is all going well and this is really down to the effort from all of you, screening and recruiting into the trial. We really appreciate your time and enthusiasm and look forward to seeing you at the Investigator Meeting in January.

Toby Richards (PREVENTT CI)

Investigator Meeting

The second PREVENTT Investigator Meeting will be held on 29th January 2015 at Senate House. The meeting will start with lunch at 12.30 and will be finished by 16.30. Standard class/economy travel will be refunded.

Two members of the research team from each site are invited to attend and an invite letter and reply form has been sent round to all sites. If you would like to attend, please return this reply slip to Josenir Astarci (josenir.astarci@lshtm.ac.uk) or by fax to 0207 927 2189 by Friday 19th December.

We hope that this will be an informative day and that as many of you as possible are able to attend. If you have any questions about the meeting, please get in touch with either Becky or Jo.

PREVENTT Lucky Number

Unfortunately, there was no winner of the lucky number during November. Therefore the site who recruits patient **86** during December will win a box of chocolates. Good luck!



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