

## News

### Changes to the CTU team

As many of you will know, Becky Swinson has now sadly left the CTU. From the 1st September the PREVENTT team at LSHTM will be: Kimberley Potter (Assistant Trial Manager), Laura Van Dyck (Data/Trial Manager) and support from Richard Evans (Senior Manager of the CTU).

Updated contact details, as well as the CTU twitter feed address, can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

### Recruitment spotlight

During August, eight patients have been recruited in to PREVENTT. Special mention this month goes to the teams at Southampton and Guys' and St Thomas'. Congratulations to Mark, Sam, Clare and all the team at Southampton who randomised two patients and have now recruited a total of 15, and to Jugdeep, Jane and the team at Guys' who have randomised their 20th patient.

Thank you also to the teams at Oxford, Russells Hall and Wye Valley who will now all be enjoying a glass of champagne after randomising a patient this month. Finally, another big thank you to the team at the Royal Marsden who recruited two patients. Well done to you all for contributing to a fantastic month for PREVENTT.

### 400 patients on the horizon

Only a further 14 patients are needed to reach the milestone of 400 patients by the PREVENTT meeting on 28th September. If every site actively screens during September this target is achievable, so please keep looking for patients and get in touch if you have any questions.

### New sites

We look forward to holding an SIV on the 29th September at Basildon University Hospital. This will be the 44th site opened for PREVENTT. Welcome to the team!

## 386 patients recruited

## Investigator meeting, 28th September 2017

At the investigator meeting we will be updating on trial progress and passing on the prizes that have been won over the past few months. We will also be hosting a course by VOX coaching:

### Communicate with Confidence

Communication is a fundamental aspect of your job and the skills involved are among the most important you have. As with any set of skills, it's healthy to step back occasionally, reflect on successes and challenges and - importantly - experiment with new ideas. The aim is to support you in exercising your communication skills in a way that reflects the values of the team and the institution and helps you achieve your goals.

This lively and enlightening session, run by [VOX Coaching](#), will explore practical communication skills to help you strengthen your confidence, become someone to whom others want to listen and achieve greater impact.

The focus will not be on *what* you say so much as *how* you say it. The session will help you find a communication style that is authentic, engaging and persuasive. It will enable you to develop greater 'presence' and personal authority, to assert yourself constructively and to do yourself justice in a range of professional contexts.

Please RSVP if you have not done so already. Up to two members of the team from each site are welcome to attend. Standard class travel will be refunded. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [preventt@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:preventt@lshtm.ac.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

## PREVENTT contact—Kimberley Potter



I have been working at LSHTM for over a year as an Assistant Trial Manager on the safetxt trial.

Prior to this I have worked in various hospitals including Royal London Hospital providing support to the Trauma department, and at Kings College Hospital supporting the clinical teams across a range of wards.

I am pleased to start working on such an exciting trial and looking forward to getting to know everyone over the next year. I will be at the PREVENTT Investigator meeting so will hopefully get a chance to meet you then.

## Updated Contact Information

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## A Farewell Message from Becky

As many of you will know, I am leaving the PREVENTT team at the end of August after four years working at LSHTM.

My first PREVENTT meeting was the launch meeting in May 2013 and it is incredible to see what has been achieved since then. Trials are a real team effort and one of the most enjoyable parts of my job over the past four years has been meeting you all at site initiation visits and investigator meetings. The success of PREVENTT has been down to the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff at all our sites. Without you, we would not have managed to randomise nearly 400 patients. Each patient is so valuable and I am still as excited today by every randomisation as I was back in January 2014 when the first patient was recruited. I know what work has gone in to successfully identify and recruit each of those patients. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and one of the parts of my job I will miss the most is the PREVENTT trial.

Finally, thank you also to the PREVENTT project management team; Toby, Anna, Tim and Tim, Rosey, Richard, Laura and previous research fellow Ben for all your support in our project management group meetings and to the other members of the LSHTM CTU. I have been lucky to work with such a good team who have celebrated every milestone and provided tea and chocolate where necessary.

So, best of luck to everyone involved in PREVENTT for the final year of recruitment. I am looking forward to seeing the results in 2019!

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