



# NETWORK NEWS

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN LINCOLNSHIRE CLRN

## New Beginnings: The final NEYNL Network Newsletter

As the Clinical Research Network enters a new phase and we transition into a new structure, it is time to say goodbye to NEYNL CLRN Network News as we know it. We will continue to ensure that we share good practice and celebrate success, and as we reorganise this will be discussed over the coming months to how this will be communicated in a new way.

In the meantime we would like to thank you for your support, hard work and good news through the past five years and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the new structure.

We are pleased to announce Dr Simon Howell and Dr Alison Layton have been appointed to the joint role of Clinical Directors for the Clinical Research Network: Yorkshire and Humber for a period of six months starting in March 2014. This is an equal partnership between two clinical leaders who bring their experience of the research networks to the new integrated network.

## Industry News

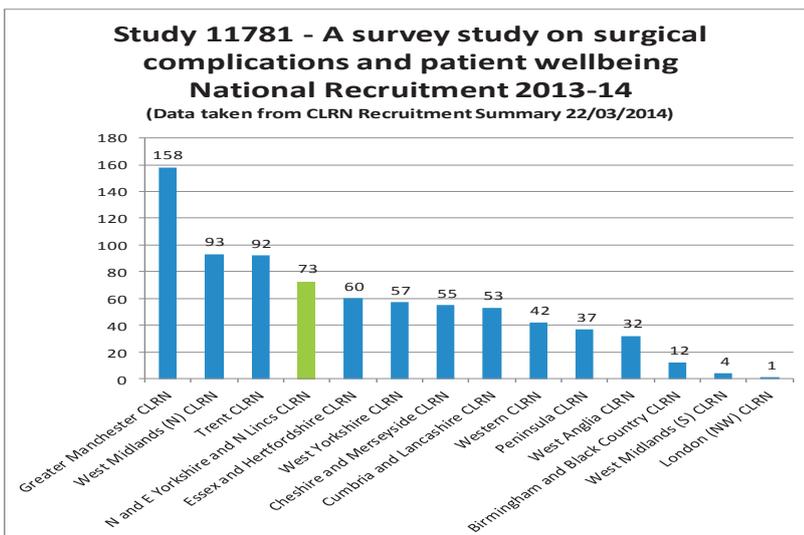
Congratulations to Dr Richard Gale, Ophthalmology, YTHFT, Dr Aamir Butt, Dermatology, NLGFT, and Dr Yusuf Patel, Musculoskeletal, HEYHT. All three will all be receiving a 'Certificate of Recognition' from the NIHR CCRN for PIs who have contributed to the continued growth and improved delivery of the Commercial portfolio in the last 5 years.

In more good news, many congratulations to Dr. Falk, and his research team who were the first site out of 29 to open CCRN 2295 in the UK, thanks to the support of Sally Johns RM&G Manager and the CSU governance team.

## Good News

Good news from the 'Complications' study team. NEYNL CLRN is the fourth highest recruiting CLRN out of 14 CLRN's (see table below). This survey study run by Imperial College London on surgical complications and patients' wellbeing is now closed to sites and recruitment.

**Well done to all involved.**



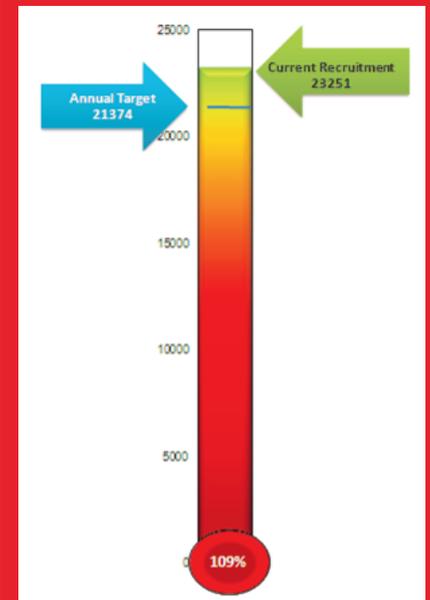
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## Recruiting to time and target

May I please remind you to ensure all your patient recruitment accrual data has been uploaded and is up to date by 24 April to ensure all recruitment is accounted for. Many thanks for your continued efforts,

*Martin Welch*  
**Information Manager**

The thermometer below reflects recruitment for the 2013-14 period. This years target is 21,374 patients and as a region we have already achieved our annual target.



**Full Year Target** 21374  
**Recruitment to date** 23252  
**% of Recruitment** 109

Please note, there is an approximate time delay of 6 weeks in the upload and validation of recruitment figures before they are received by the network.

# Specialty Group News

## Studies open to new sites

### Musculoskeletal

ID: [14059](#) PREVeNT-RA

Pre-clinical EVALuation of Novel Targets in RA (PREVeNT-RA): A nationwide register of first degree relatives of patients with rheumatoid arthritis to evaluate predictors of the development of rheumatoid arthritis.

### Cardiovascular

ID: [16246](#) Randomised Comparison of iFR to FFR

Prospective, multi-center, double blind, randomised trial to test the safety of deferral of stenting in physiological non-significant lesions in a clinical population of intermediate stenosis using iFR and FFR.

For more information about any of these trials or if you would like to take part please contact [Hannah.smith12@nhs.net](mailto:Hannah.smith12@nhs.net)

## New Studies

Are you aware of any new studies that are open to new sites we haven't communicated? Have you already expressed your interest?

Contact Specialty Group Facilitator, [Hannah.smith12@nhs.net](mailto:Hannah.smith12@nhs.net) and she can raise awareness with other specialty group members /divisions who may wish to express their interest.

## Update on HAPPY Project

A full review of the HAPPY Project Charter is currently underway. This includes a review of the Governance structure, ensuring it is appropriate and fit for purpose, and a review of the project milestones, timescales and project plan to reflect delays in the issuing of the DELPHI survey.

Together with the RM&G Administrators from the 3 CLRN's, the project team has established processes and systems in relation to CSP and the generic email inbox, which will be implemented from 1st April 2014. The principles have now been agreed for a piloting of a new system from 1st April 2014 to 30th April 2014, with a review taking place in May to further cement RM&G processes going forward.

The project team is working on the proposed structure and content of the RM&G pilot Google platform which colleagues across RM&G will have access to. This platform includes an area to store relevant documents, contact details and provides an opportunity to develop discussion forums. The project team are also in the process of reviewing the separate DELPHI survey. This will seek to consider further, the outcomes of the workshop element of an engagement event held in December 2013. It is hoped that the outcomes of this separate survey will form a number of activities / work streams for RM&G.

Round 1 of the HAPPY DELPHI survey has been issued to 90 participants across the Yorkshire and Humber network. The results will then be analysed to identify areas where consensus has been reached on aspects of the approvals process, and which aspects will need to be reviewed further in Round 2 of the survey. The closing date for the survey is **Wednesday 2nd April 2014**.

## Change of NIHR webpage

From the Tuesday 1st April the Network's website address will change to: [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk).

The website will cover all 30 specialties, replacing all existing websites. Please save this to your favourites.

## Guardian online live Q&A: How can we maximise the impact of clinical research in the NHS?

The next Guardian Q&A will be accessible at this link: <http://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network-nihr-clinical-research-zone/maximise-impact-clinical-research-nhs> – save it in your Web Favourites!

The live discussion will take place on Wednesday 16 April between 12-1:30pm and the topic will be: How can we maximise the impact of clinical research in the NHS?

Dr Jonathan Sheffield, Chief Executive Officer, NIHR Clinical Research Network will be on the panel and the remaining panellists will be confirmed in due course.

## Good News

Good news from York NHS Foundation Trust for the PILOT Research Study (Pleural Infection Longitudinal Outcome Study—PILOT).

NHS Permission 'Green Light' was granted 13 February and PI Caroline Everett and research team recruited their 1st patient on 17 February.

With a target of 10 this is a fantastic, positive start.

## Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB) - invitation for applications

The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme invites research proposals which are related to the day-to-day practice of health service staff and is concerned with having an impact on the health or well-being of patients and users of the NHS.

The closing date for applications is 21 May 2014 at 13:00.

<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/RfPB/apply/Pages/calls.aspx>