

# The ERIC-PPCI Newsletter

## News

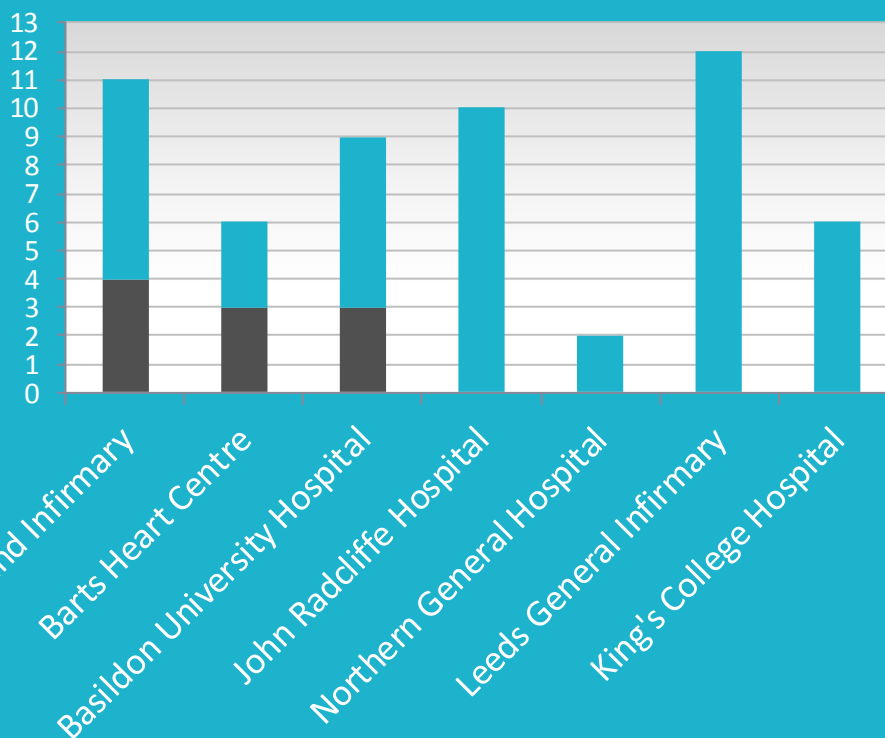
Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016 and happy new year to you all. It has been a fantastic start for ERIC-PPCI and recruitment. 46 patients have been recruited this month across 7 active sites. Recruitment was not due to begin until February 2016 and we are now around 4 months ahead of our milestones.

During January, site initiation visits were held at King’s, Manchester, Norfolk, Royal Free, Lincoln and Wolverhampton. Thank you to all the teams at these sites for your input into these meetings and your support for the trial. During February further visits are planned at Papworth, St Thomas’, Lister, Portsmouth and Blackpool. This will bring the total number of initiated sites to 18, with more still in the planning stages. This illustrates the enthusiasm for the trial at our sites. If you would like to book a site initiation visit please contact Rebecca [rebecca.chu@LSHTM.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.chu@LSHTM.ac.uk).

Posters are being developed to help raise awareness of ERIC-PPCI and also to remind people to recruit patients. There will be a variety of sizes available and once printed, copies will be sent out to all sites. If you have any ideas for other resources which would help raise the profile of the trial at your sites, please get in touch with the ERIC-PPCI team.

## 56 Patients Recruited

### Recruitment Summary



#### Key

- Recruitment this month
- Previous recruitment

#### ERIC-PPCI Lucky Number

As recruitment has started so well, during February, there will be a prize for whichever site recruits the

**100th**

ERIC-PPCI patient.

**Good luck!**

Congratulations to the teams at Leeds, Oxford, King’s and Sheffield who recruited their first patients in January. The top ERIC-PPCI recruiter is currently Leeds General Infirmary with 12 patients followed closely by Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle and John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. Seven sites are now open to recruitment and all sites have recruited more than one patient in to the trial.

## Trial Steering Committee

The Trial Steering Committee held their third meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This was a well attended and interesting meeting and we also welcomed our colleagues from the CONDI 2 trial in Denmark.

There were a couple of issues that were discussed which were in relation to unblinding and if the trial should be run as a single blinded trial. Discussions were held as to whether the current procedures may impact on 24 hour recruitment, due to staffing levels.

This issue needs to be discussed further by the Project Management Group and centres will be informed once any changes have been agreed. Even though recruitment is in the early stages, there are patients being recruited out of hours so there may not need to be any changes to the trial procedures.

## Profile: Matt Dodd



Hi everyone! I'm Matt and I will be working as a Data Manager on ERIC-PPCI. I've worked within the clinical trials unit at LSHTM for 3 years now and I'm currently studying for a master's degree in Medical Statistics part-time. Therefore please ensure you copy myself

[matthew.dodd@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.dodd@lshtm.ac.uk) and Steven Robertson [steven.robertson@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:steven.robertson@lshtm.ac.uk) in to any data related correspondence so that one of us can get back to you promptly. We are currently in the process of finalising the ERIC-PPCI database and this should go live in early February. If you require any assistance with the data entry for patients that were randomised prior to the system going live, we'll be more than happy to help. I am really looking forward to working on ERIC-PPCI and getting to know you all better.

## Clinical Trials Short Course

The Medical Statistics Department (MSD) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) will be running a short course in clinical trials.

This course provides attendees with a clear understanding of the fundamental principles of Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs). Lectures and practical sessions cover the key issues to be considered in design, conduct, analysis and reporting, with a focus on major clinical trials which directly influence clinical practice. Topics are addressed with perspectives from both public sector research and the pharmaceutical industry.

The course is relevant to those who are keen to gain an understanding of the rigorous evaluation of interventions in health care including clinical research professionals, research managers and other scientists with an interest in clinical trials.

Places on the course are limited.

The course runs for 5 days from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*\*\*The course is awaiting approval by the UK Royal College of Physicians for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits.\*\**

For further information and an application form please visit: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/sct.html>

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