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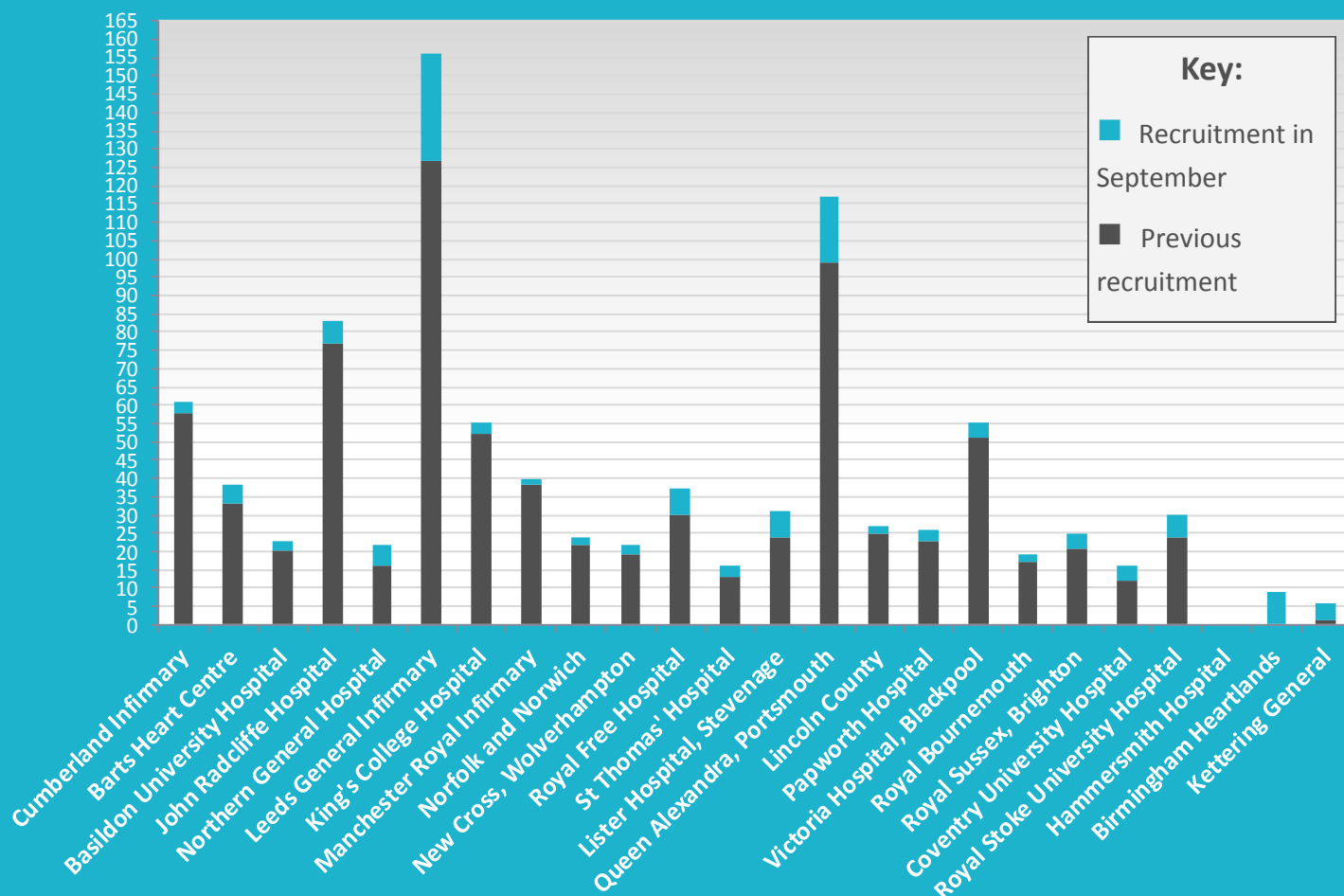
Welcome to the October Newsletter. We have had yet another fantastic month of recruitment for the ERIC-PPCI trial with 136 patients randomised, making September our best month yet. This is a huge achievement and we would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication over the summer and in the run up to autumn.

Currently, 23 sites out of a potential 24 have recruited with Kettering General Hospital being the fastest site yet to go through the full HRA process. This month's top recruiting site was Leeds General Hospital with 29 patients randomised, making them lead recruiters with a phenomenal 156 patients to date. Their success was closely followed by Queen Alexandra Hospital with 18 patients recruited for the month and Birmingham Heartlands Hospital with 9 patients. Congratulations to the teams at Kettering, Leeds, Queen Alexandra and Birmingham Heartlands - hats off to you all!

As most of you are probably aware the ERIC-PPCI nurses meeting is due to take place on Monday 12th December and we are currently in the process of drafting an exciting agenda. If you have not already done so, please RSVP by emailing Rebecca Chu (Rebecca.chu@lshtm.ac.uk). We look forward to seeing you all there.

Recruitment Update

Patients Recruited 938



New staff update—Lauren Jerome



Lauren Jerome

Hi, my name is Lauren. I joined the LSHTM CTU last month as a Trials Assistant and will be assisting with the collection of follow up data in the safetxt trial, which aims to determine whether a text messaging intervention can increase safe sex behaviours. Before joining LSHTM, I graduated from the University of Bath with a degree in Psychology and also worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Manchester. In my spare time I enjoy reading and going to gigs.

Event Validation update

This month the first batch of events were reviewed by the Event Validation Committee and we are currently in the process of collecting the source documents so that the second batch can be reviewed during October. Below is a reminder of the types of events that are validated, along with the supporting information that is required:

Deaths — if a patient passes away, the committee require evidence of the certified cause of death, a post mortem report (if performed) and any patient notes describing the events surrounding the death. If a patient passes away prior to providing written consent, please ensure that the patient's date of birth and date of death are removed from any documents submitted, as well as all other patient identifiable information.

Hospitalisations for heart failure (HHFs) — if a patient is hospitalised due to heart failure, the committee require any patient notes and admission/discharge summaries that describe the treatment given for heart failure during the admission.

Reinfarctions — if a patient suffers a reinfarction, the committee require any patient notes describing the events surrounding the reinfarction, admission/discharge summaries, any ECGs performed and any Trop-T, Trop-I or CK values available.

Strokes — if a patient suffers a stroke, the committee require any patient notes describing the events surrounding the stroke, copies of CT/MRI reports and any admission/discharge summaries.

Unplanned revascularisations – if a patient has an unplanned revascularisation, the committee require any patient notes describing the revascularisation procedure and any admission/discharge summaries.

Please send as much supporting information as possible for each event to ericppci@lshtm.ac.uk and get in contact with us if you have any questions. Please ensure that all patient identifiable information is removed before sending these documents. Thank you for all of your help during this process.

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