



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to new recruiters!

- Lisa Calver, Bristol
- Calli Smith, Somerset
- Julie Simmonds, Nailsea & Backwell
- Maria Muir, Bristol
- Judith Edwards, Bristol

Children?

What children?

The fantastic summer weather makes recruitment a lot more challenging. We think that the difference in the number of eligible children could vary as much as 8-fold between winter and summer.

Enjoy the sunshine and don't be disheartened if DUTY children are thin on the ground right now!

Remember to fill in your screening logs and fax them to us on 0117 331 3838, so we can learn more about how many children are actually eligible for DUTY.

How are we doing?

27 patients have been recruited so far, with 26 urines. A 96% successful sample return rate!

Only 1473 to go!

Welcome to the first edition of the DUTY Study Newsletter!

This newsletter will be a monthly communication to update you on developments with the study and to share information about the wider study team.

Like all research studies (and children) DUTY has had its teething problems. But with your valuable feedback we are getting things moving and we aspire to smooth operations by the end of the summer. Most importantly, **children are being recruited to the study!**

Introducing Catherine Derrick, Administrator



This is the first of a series of profiles of members of the wider DUTY study team.

Q. What role do you play in the study?

A. If anybody needs anything, they should ask me first.

Q. How will the DUTY study help you in the future?

A. I will be happy to know that I have made a contribution to better diagnosis of UTI and therefore possible prevention of complications later on. Some of my family members have kidney disease so I know how devastating it can be.

Q. What are the main challenges going to be for this study?

A. Getting everybody started!

Q. What is your top tip for successful recruitment?

A. Developing and maintaining good working relationships with every site.

Q. Have you ever met anybody famous?

A. When I lived in Edinburgh Johnny Vegas was my next-door neighbour.

Where is DUTY happening?

DUTY is a multi-centre study. In the South West, 5 sites are already recruiting: The Lennard Surgery, Gloucester Road Health Centre and the Children's Emergency Department of the BRI in Bristol; the ESREC (East Somerset Research Consortium) group of practices in Somerset, and Nailsea and Backwell Medical Practice in North Somerset. We are liaising on set-up with 16 other practices that have signed up for the study, have a further 11 expressions of interest, and are working with PCRN South West (North Hub) to bring on more. **Practice-based recruitment is reimbursed at £100 per patient, and with the support of a DUTY Nurse at £60 per patient.**

We are holding a second study training day on 21 September. If you or any of your colleagues would like to attend please e-mail Catherine.

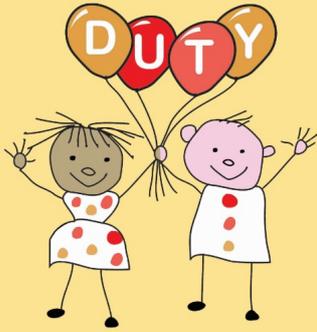


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DUTY web database and website

We're sorry to report that the go-live date for the study web database has been delayed by a further few weeks. We will therefore not be able to allocate any user ids until the second half of July, when a fully tested version will go live.

This does not stop you from recruiting!

We would like to encourage all option 2 recruiters to give it a go on paper. Contact Catherine on 0117 331 3814 or catherine.derrick@bristol.ac.uk if you are willing. Apart from web data entry, the only differences with the paper method is that we need you to get hold of a copy of the lab results report and to let us know about any positive urine culture results within 7 days of recruitment. This will all be automated once the database is up and running.

Why the delay?

DUTY is using innovative web-based technology to enable data entry by dozens of researchers across all the study centres while protecting data confidentiality and security. The two-month delay is due to the complexity, which has required very careful programming, requests for additional features during study set-up, and staffing problems during the development phase.

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At www.dutystudy.org.uk you will find a holding page with basic study information. We are developing material for an improved site, at the same url, which will provide access to the study web database, quick links and copies of all study documents that you can print off. This will go live at the same time as the web database. In the meantime, please contact us for documents or info.



QUICK QUIZ

Can you identify this mystery object? Send your answer to harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk. Your name will be put into a potty (next best thing to a hat) and the winner, selected at random, will receive a prize.

The winner (and the prize) will be announced in the next newsletter.



Qualitative study: requesting clinicians for interview

DUTY- Quali is a qualitative study run in support of the main DUTY study. The aim is to explore, through qualitative interviews, the different ways in which clinicians diagnose UTIs in under 5s, especially preverbal children. We hope to build up a comprehensive picture of how a diagnosis of UTI is made. If you are a doctor or nurse who works in primary or emergency care and diagnoses UTIs in young children, please would you consider being interviewed about what helps you make or exclude such a diagnosis. You do not have to belong to an organisation that is involved in the main DUTY study to participate. Interviews take about 30 minutes and there is a £10 Amazon voucher in thanks for your contribution. Anyone interested in participating please contact Dr Isabel de Salis on 0117 928 7261 or e-mail Isabel.desalis@bristol.ac.uk. **THANK YOU!**

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