

# Southampton Study Centre NEWSLETTER

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## How are we doing?

The study as a whole is on target with over **4,000** recruits.

**465** children have now been recruited by practices supported by the Southampton centre but we still need **lots more** in order to reach our target of **1500** children in the South!

Urine collection in our region is **second-to-none** and is currently running at **92%**!

The recruitment phase of DUTY has a further **6** months to run.

## ...Breaking News...

After a very quiet summer, we have recently seen a massive uptick in recruitment: so much so that October is already a record-breaking month for the South!



THANK YOU!

The nights are drawing in, leaves crunch underfoot and there's been a definite chill in the air lately. All of which means one thing...



Coughs and colds are back! Hoorah!

Seriously, though, we know that the onset of winter can make life very difficult in general practice. We hope all our recruiters stay happy and healthy this winter and that you will feel able to recruit ONE child per week to help us achieve our goal of 1500 participants by the end of April.

Happy Hallowe'en!

## Welcome!

The Southampton team is now fully-staffed once more. We are delighted to welcome our two new research nurses, Carolyn Powell, who will shortly be recruiting in surgeries in the Portsmouth area and Ruth Munn, who will be supporting Option 2 practices as well as recruiting in Kent. Contact details for Carolyn and Ruth will follow shortly.



## DUTY super stars

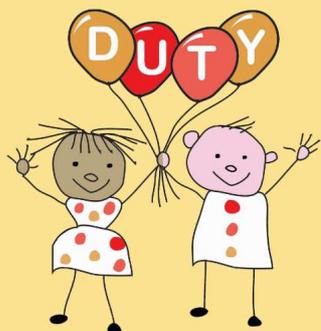


- The Redhouse Surgery, Bletchley - 60 patients
- Chessel Practice, Southampton - 21 patients
- Forest End Surgery, Waterlooville - 31 patients!
- Burnham Health Centre, Slough - 12 patients!
- Sunbury Health Centre, Sunbury-on-Thames - 9 patients!
- The Avenue Surgery, Warminster - 62 patients!
- Fort House Surgery, Walton-On-Thames - 4 patients!
- Cossington House Surgery, Canterbury - 10 patients!
- Elm Tree Surgery, Shrivenham - 10 patients!
- The Cranborne Practice, Wimborne - 13 patients!



If there was room ALL recruiters would be listed. Each patient counts, so even if you have only had time to recruit a few, we really appreciate it.

**Recruiting sites update:** Interest in DUTY in the PCRN-SE has been overwhelming and the Southampton study centre is now supporting **75 practices**, ranging from the Isle of Wight to Milton Keynes, via Margate and Swindon. Taking on a new study means a lot of work for the surgery staff as well as for the study team and we are delighted that so many doctors and nurses have felt ready to take on this important research!



Are you still using vouchers issued last year? If they have a March 2012 expiry date, we will exchange them for vouchers with a longer shelf life. Please e-mail us if you are using the old vouchers.



Don't forget to send your research samples to the Cardiff SACU lab. These samples are just as important for the study outcomes as the NHS samples.  
**THANK YOU!**

Introducing Dr Margaret Fletcher, Professor of Clinical Nursing at the University of the West of England with University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, and Co-Director of the South West Medicines for Children Research Network.

Q. What role do you play in the DUTY study? I am one of the original grant applicants for the funds for DUTY and as a member of the project management group help make sure we are doing the study in the best way possible for parents, children and clinic staff and to be able to answer the questions about treating urinary tract infection in young children.

Q. What do you think are the main challenges for DUTY? Good quality and complete data/information including keeping the urines coming in and of as good a quality as possible. This is important not just for the study but also as it influences how the child is managed clinically.

Q. What is your top tip for successful recruitment? Being welcoming, facilitative and cheerful and being one step ahead of the parents and child in terms of demonstrating awareness of both what else they are likely to be dealing with and what the child is likely to do next!

Q. What is your favourite book, and why? Too many favourites to choose just one. The Year's Midnight (Alex Benzie) is a beautiful read, very evocative of the Aberdeenshire countryside and people I knew when I worked there and a good story to boot.



**DATA COMPLETENESS**

Our database is currently showing that only 58% of the clinical observation examinations are complete. Southampton centre recruiters are doing rather better than average with 63% clinical observations complete, but we would like to call on your help to address this black hole in the dataset. Please try to collect all of the clinical observations in Sections 3 and 4 - they are crucial and valuable data as we will be unable to include participants with incomplete data in the final analysis. THANK YOU!



**Congratulations** to Dr Giri Srikanthiah of The Stonedean Practice in Milton Keynes, who was the winner of our August Prize Draw.



Our **Summer SuperStar** was Dr Nigel Fagan, of the Redhouse Surgery in Bletchley who, once again, topped our recruitment chart with **35** recruits between June and August. Dr Fagan also narrowly won the prize for September so another gift is on its way! Can any of the practices in the South-East challenge him in October?



Once you have finished entering a patient's data into the database, you can copy and paste a summary of the clinical information into their medical record using the **S** button at the right-hand side of the CRF record.

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