



Welcome! Welcome to the December 2021 Edition of the UK Paediatric ITP Study Newsletter...

This year has been another difficult one as we continue to live with the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these difficulties, the UK Paediatric ITP Registry has several successes worth celebrating...

2021 Successes:

1. The launch of the new electronic Case Report Form (eCRF) database

We had the successful launch of the new cCRF database system in September 2021 that has introduced huge benefit to us as the lead site and at host centres too. Thank you to the team at Addenbrookes Hospital for piloting the paper CRFs and database beforehand and thank you to all hosting centres for your patience in getting it started.

2. The public website revamp

The support team at MDSAS has also given the public website a makeover. There are still changes underway but the website can be found here: <https://itp.mdsas.com/>

3. Recruitment restarting to the ITP registry

I am pleased to say we currently have **83 of 103 centres** open to the ITP registry. Most centres had to put recruitment on hold at the start of the pandemic so having this many sites open again is great to see.

Other News:

I'm afraid to say that I will be leaving my post as the ITP Trial Coordinator on 7th January 2021. It has been a pleasure working with Dr Grainger, MDSAS and all of you. I will share the contact details of my replacement via email in due course.

A SPECIAL MENTION!

Aimee and Dr Kaya at the Bart Health NHS Trust (Royal London Hospital) have more than trebled their recruitment this year with **13 recruits**. Here are Aimee's tips for conducting the study in the current circumstances:

"Some of our patients, I identified from screening the ward every day. My colleagues also highlight patients when they screen. Dr Kaya also regularly does ward round so she also identifies patients to me. I also screen ED to identify patients, however I usually recruit them on the ward when they have come to terms with their diagnosis. Currently, the majority of our patients attend face to face appointments which has also helped with recruitment as those patients that presented to another one of our hospital's ED are approached at Royal London when they came to clinic. I think this is our advantage during the pandemic as I find parents/patients are more likely to engage/consent in person rather than over the phone. Our Clinical Nurse specialists have also referred patients to us."

It sounds like a collaborative approach to recruitment has really helped the team at the Barts Health NHS Trust. Well done to all of them!

Site Recruitment Update...

Overall recruitment: **2300**

The top 3 recruiting ITP Centres of 2021:

1. Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
2. Barts Health NHS Trust, London
3. Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge

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