

Stop Press!

We are delighted that the HTA has approved our extension request! What this means is that **recruitment is now funded to continue until 31st August 2011**. This should allow us to reach the 1500 target needed to be able to answer the CHIP research questions.

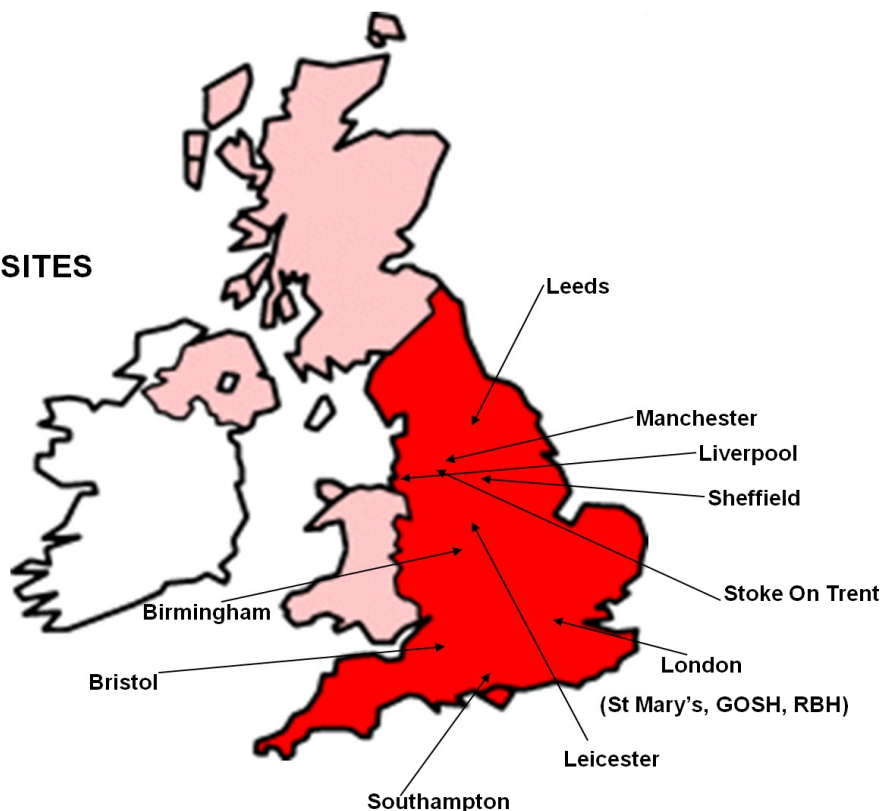


But this funding is based on the recruitment rates as revised in the autumn of 2009. Currently some centres are meeting their revised monthly targets, but others are not (yet) - see pages 2 & 3.

HTA's endorsement of CHIP's importance is a great incentive not to miss any eligible patients.

Please keep up the good work!

CHIP STUDY SITES



Recruitment update

Since the first patient was enrolled in Southampton on the 4th May 2008 over 720 participants have been recruited to CHiP and on 28th April 2010 we needed only 28 more patients to reach the halfway mark of 750.

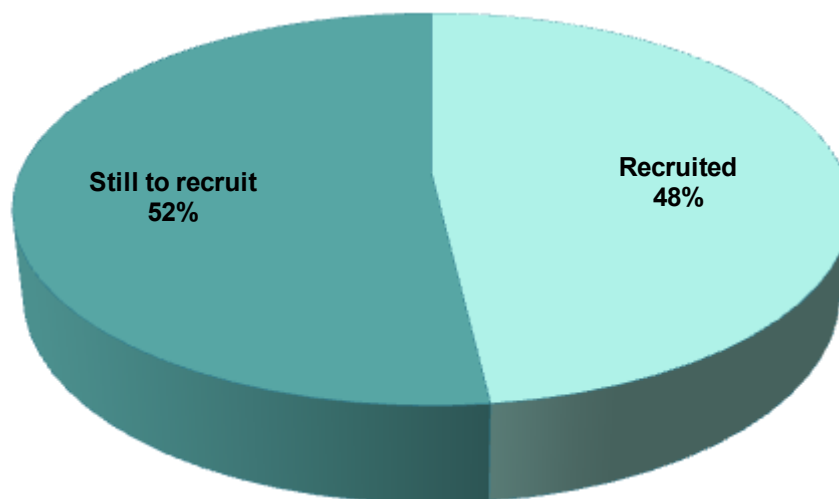
After a peak in monthly recruitment in October 2009 of 49 patients, the start of 2010 has seen recruitment drop to around 30 patients per month, which is lower than the revised monthly target and is disappointing after such an improved rate over the autumn.

Congratulations!

- Two more sites who have now recruited **100 patients**:
 - ⇒ In March 2010 Southampton recruited their 100th patient
 - ⇒ And in April Liverpool recruited theirs
- And on an individual level Simon Laker at Birmingham has recruited over 100 patients into the trial.

So thanks to everyone involved for these achievements.

Recruitment - Target 1500



Recruitment by site

28th April 2010

SITE	Cardiac patients	Non-cardiac patients	Total recruited
Birmingham Children's Hospital	90	27	117
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children	65	23	88
Great Ormond Street Hospital	29	54	83
Leeds General Infirmary *	3	0	3
Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust	82	3	85
Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust	72	29	101
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital	N/A	45	45
St Mary's Hospital	N/A	40	40
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust *	N/A	22	22
Southampton General Hospital	58	51	109
University Hospital of North Staffordshire	N/A	5	5
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	18	6	24
TOTALS	417	305	722

* Site closed to recruitment

Tips to help recruitment...

- Sites should screen patients at least once each day.
- All patients admitted to your PICU/CICU (not HDU) should be recorded on the screening log whether or not they meet inclusion criteria.
- PIs must involve the whole team; a dummy screening log included on the daily ward round will be invaluable in highlighting a potential patient.
- Continue to train and update PICU staff so that they are familiar with the trial, feel ownership of it and can alert the appropriate people when potential patients are admitted to the unit.

Welcomes and Farewells

Recently there have been a few newcomers to the trial as well as some people leaving. So we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who are leaving us for all the work they have done on the trial and to welcome all the recent starters.

Welcomes

[Sarah Bacon](#) - Research nurse at Royal Brompton Hospital

[Lucy Brooks](#) - Study manager at LSHTM (providing assistance to Laura in busy periods)

[Maria MacDonald](#) - Research nurse at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

[Rosemary Mitchell](#) - Research nurse at Southampton General Hospital

[Katy Stern](#) - Research nurse at Southampton General Hospital

Farewells

[Mike Bennett](#) (*pictured*) - Computing support at LSHTM

[Leanne Durkan](#) - Research nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital

[Lucy Grace](#) - Research nurse at Southampton General Hospital

[Chloe Rishton](#) - Research nurse at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

[Kate Wall](#) - Research nurse at Sheffield Children's Hospital



Keeping up to date

To ensure you are up to date with the latest regulations and clinical trial procedures, it is recommended that anyone involved in a clinical research study should undertake GCP training every two years. The NIHR CRN offers training courses that are free of charge to anyone working on CHiP. CHiP will reimburse travel expenses for CHiP funded research nurses to attend GCP and consent training courses. Below is a selection of courses that may be of interest. Unfortunately CHiP is not able to fund the travel or time to attend all of these courses.

Course name and date	Location
NIHR CRN Governance Training	
GCP Online	
Available now	
Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP): A practical guide to ethical and scientific quality standards in clinical research	
6 May 2010	London
21 May 2010	Manchester
17 June 2010	Leeds
20 July 2010	Manchester
8 September 2010	Leeds
12 October 2010	London
2 November 2010	Manchester
NIHR CRN Operations Training	
NIHR Portal Content Manager Training	
11 May 2010	Leeds
16 June 2010	Leeds

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