



A message from the CI:

What a great start, but what a long way to go! It is clear that one of the key goals for successful recruitment is to get buy in from your colleagues. This takes time and effort and needs a personal touch. I accept that this is likely to be a struggle for a few months but at some point you will reach a tipping point where it will be normal and routine for a patient with gallstones to be entered into Sunflower. It is also worth reminding your colleagues, including your Clinical and Medical Directors, that there is significant evidence in the literature that hospitals where patients are recruited into studies have superior outcomes. We are hoping you can recruit 3 patients per week. Worcester, our superstar recruitment leaders, are currently managing 6 per week. Whatever this study shows, I am certain it will change the management of gallstone disease, not only in UK but worldwide, and all those recruiting will be part of this.

Prof Giles Toogood, Chief Investigator

2nd Sunflower Investigators Meeting

On 28th June, around 85 people from 35 centres met in Birmingham. Some sites had not opened, others were in full swing (recruited > 50 patients) and many were still finding their way with the study. Information was shared between research nurses, trainees and consultant PIs as to how to implement the protocol into the complexity of the NHS, and recruit well. The Worcester team shared their keys to success – which seemed to mainly focus on creating a happy team with good communication and clear recruitment pathways. If you would like to see the presentations from the day, please get in touch. **The next meeting is scheduled for 27th March 2020 – save the date.**

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Progress update



28 sites are open



1071 people have been screened



70% of eligible patients have been randomised

Randomised patients are:

<i>Elective</i>		<i>Urgent</i>
<i>76%</i>		<i>24%</i>



25 consultations have been recorded



9 trainees are registered to NIHR associate PI scheme



**Total recruitment:
553 / 13,680**



Study Recruitment

as of 28/07/2019

Recruitment Target: 13,680 



Top recruiters

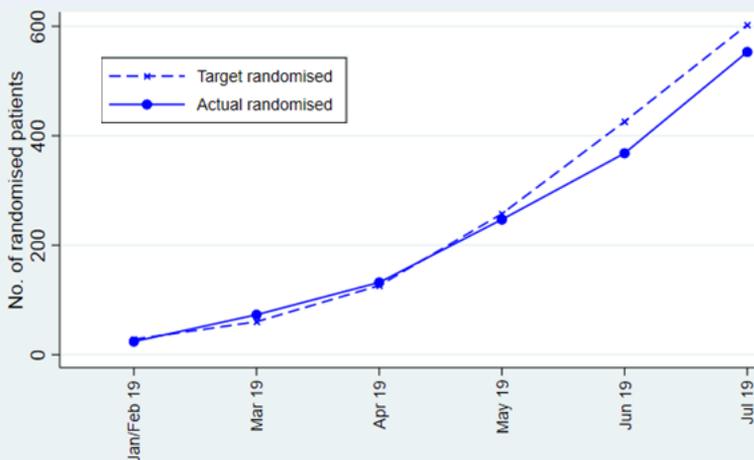


Worcester

Nottingham (118)

(85)

Leeds (50)



Remember: If you are a member of staff without a GMC/NMC number, we can allocate you a study number. Please add your GMC/NMC/study number to your account.

Questionnaires

The quality of life questionnaires have not yet started in the study. We will let you know when you can start completing baseline & index admission questionnaires with 20% of patients.

Bugs in the Database

We are aware of some bugs in the database which are creating data queries when they shouldn't. Also, some features of the database are also not yet up and running, such as GP letter mail merge. A number of database updates are coming soon which will resolve these issues.

Weekly Emails

Keep an eye out for weekly emails regarding outstanding data queries and CRFs needing review. We are aiming for the study to have high levels of data completeness and we need your help.

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