

# PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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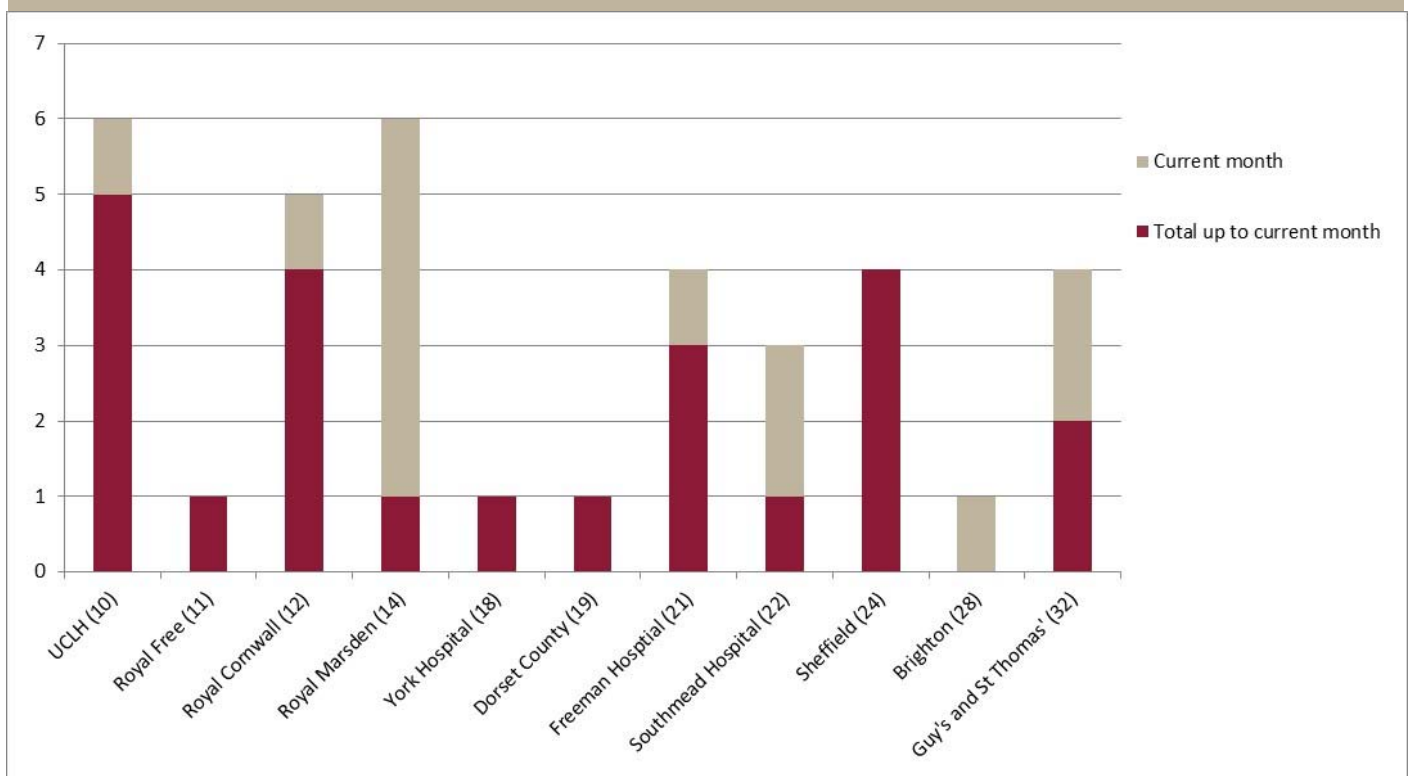
## PREVENTT News

Welcome to the latest edition of the PREVENTT newsletter. It has been another great month for PREVENTT recruitment, and during June our 11th site recruited their first patient. Congratulations to the team at the Royal Sussex in Brighton. In June the team at the Royal Marsden also recruited 5 patients in just over 2 weeks which is another fantastic achievement, and the total for the month was in double figures for the first time, with 13 recruited. A further site opened to recruitment, Central Manchester, bringing the total number of PREVENTT sites to 18. The aim is to open 30 sites and an amendment to include new PREVENTT sites has been submitted to ethics. Set up is also progressing well at a number of other sites and we look forward to meeting the teams at the next group of PREVENTT centres over the summer as site initiation visits are arranged.

### PREVENTT Site Set Up Progress

QEH, King's Lynn	Reviewing Documentation
St James', Leeds	Reviewing Documentation
Blackpool Teaching Hospital	Reviewing Documentation
West Suffolk	Arranging CTSA signature, SSI submitted
Royal Surrey	Arranging CTSA signature and SIV date
Wythenshawe Hospital	Undertaking local governance review

## PREVENTT Recruitment– 36 Patients Randomised!



## Site Profile– Royal Cornwall Hospital

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This month the focus is on the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro. To date the site have randomised 5 patients making them one of the top recruiting PREVENTT sites.

### How are patients identified?

Early identification is key and it is important to get a FBC done at the time of consent for surgery. We have asked the nurses who do an MRSA swab to do a FBC. Once we have the result from this, we can determine if a patient is eligible for inclusion, send a PIS and organise a PAC date in time to administer the trial treatment (at least 10 days before the planned surgery date).

### How are patients approached?

We telephone the patients to confirm that they have received the PIS and to offer an opportunity to ask any questions. We let them know the date for the PAC and explain that they can ask any questions about PREVENTT at this appointment.

We have found that patients can be overwhelmed by events, especially if they are on a tight timeline. Therefore it is reassuring for them to know that they can ask any questions at the PAC. We do not ask patients if they would like to consent for the study until they are in the PAC and have had the opportunity to listen to an explanation of the trial. It can be difficult for them to take in all the information on the phone.

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If you would like to share how you are recruiting into PREVENTT at your site, please get in touch.

## Quality of Life Questionnaires

Quality of life questionnaires should be completed by patients at baseline, pre-op, 8 week follow up and 6 month follow up.

At baseline, 8 weeks and 6 months, the patients can complete the questionnaires in clinic. However, the pre-op questionnaires should be given to the patient to complete at home 8-10 days after the administration of the trial treatment. These can then be collected from them when they are admitted for surgery. Copies of the questionnaires can be printed for you by the PREVENTT CTU and electronic copies are also available.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q.** *Can patients receiving immunosuppressive therapy for Crohn's disease, Ulcerative Colitis or chemotherapy be included into the study?*

**A.** Yes, these patients can be considered for PREVENTT

**Q.** *Can patients who have a treated vitamin B12 deficiency or folate deficiency (e.g. With vitamin B12 injections) be randomised into the trial?*

**A.** Yes, these patients can be randomised into the trial

## Website

Remember, if you have a query about the trial, you maybe be able to find the answer you are looking for on the PREVENTT website. The website has all the PREVENTT frequently asked questions, links to previous copies of the newsletter and the protocol.

If you have any suggestions for content that you would like to see on the website, please contact Becky Swinson.

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