



News

As we did not have a newsletter in January, this edition covers progress in December and January.

December was a good month for REVIVED with eight patients randomised, including three sites recruiting their first patients. Well done to Valerie Ansell, Luke Tapp and Prithwish Banerjee from University Hospital Coventry; Cath Richardson and Mark de Belder from the James Cook Hospital Middlesbrough; Louise Morby and Tim Gray from the Royal Oldham Hospital and to the rest of their teams working on REVIVED.

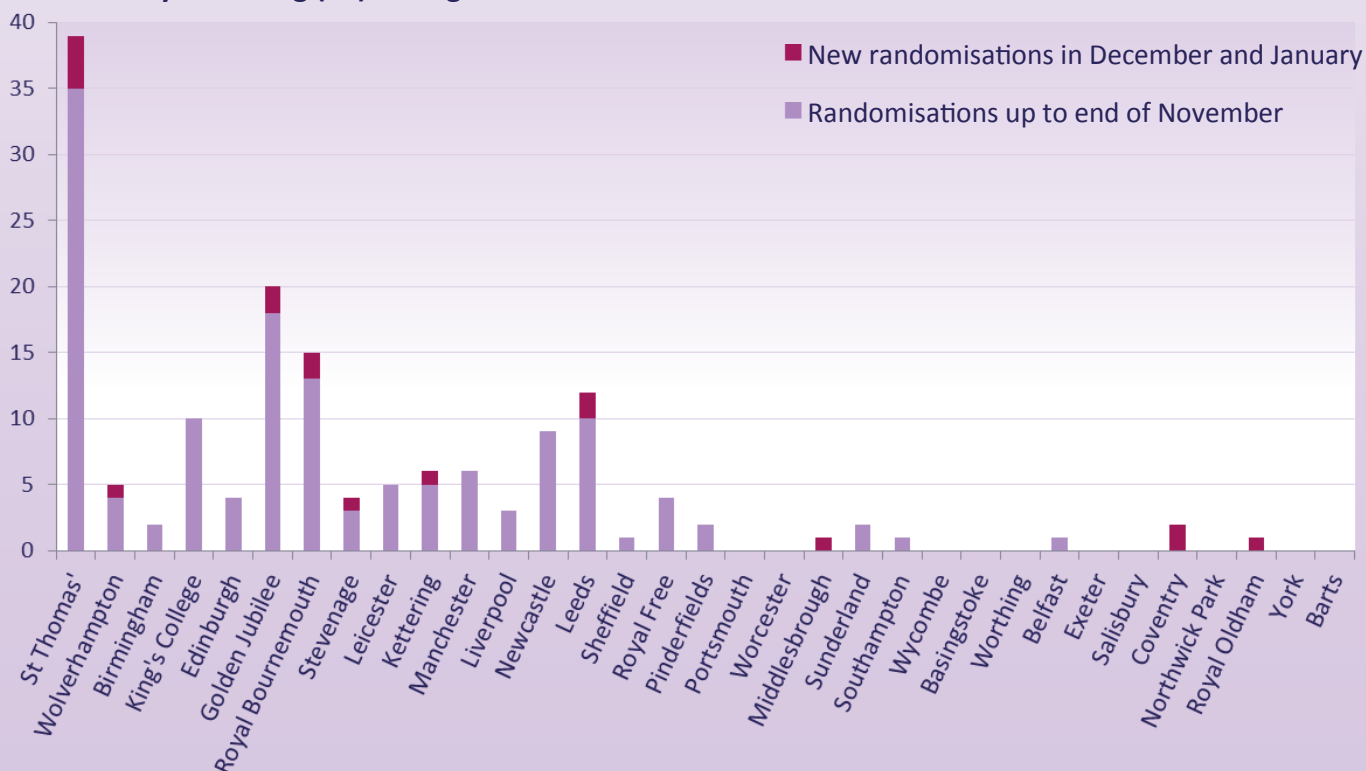
January was also a good month for REVIVED with nine patients randomised. This includes a record breaking 4 patients from St Thomas', the most recruited from one site in any single month. Well done to Sophie, Divaka and the rest of the REVIVED team at St Thomas'. Golden Jubilee National Hospital recruited their 20th patient this month. Well done to Marion, Mark and the rest of the REVIVED team. Finally, Barts Heart Centre had their site initiation on 6th January and are eager to start recruiting.

It has been reported from the echo core lab that there has recently been an increase in the amount of echos being sent in. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in echos recently.

Site Progress Summary

155 patients recruited

Sites currently screening (32) arranged in order of site initiation:



LSHTM Clinical Trials Short Course

The Medical Statistics Department (MSD) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) will be running a short course in clinical trials.

This course provides attendees with a clear understanding of the fundamental principles of Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs). Lectures and practical sessions cover the key issues to be considered in design, conduct, analysis and reporting, with a focus on major clinical trials which directly influence clinical practice. Topics are addressed with perspectives from both public sector research and the pharmaceutical industry.

The course is relevant to those who are keen to gain an understanding of the rigorous evaluation of interventions in health care including clinical research professionals, research managers and other scientists with an interest in clinical trials.

Places on the course are limited.

The course runs for 5 days from the 13th to 17th June 2016.

The course is awaiting approval by the UK Royal College of Physicians for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits.

For further information and an application form please visit: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/sct.html>

FAQ

Q. How do you deal with patients that have their mind set on one treatment or another?

A. Patients will sometimes have a preference for the treatment that they want but this is often based on what they have heard from friends



and family. Patients need and want information to help them make the right choice. One important fact to get across is that this group would not get PCI if they are not in the trial as it is not a proven treatment for heart failure. If after talking to the patient and explaining their options, the patient is still set on a specific treatment, it is recommended not to include the patient as there is a greater chance they will withdraw if they are disappointed with their allocation.

Recruitment update

REVIVED has had some ups and downs over the past 6 months. Recruitment in September and October 2015 was slower than expected but this was thought to be because of a delayed effect from summer. There seems to have been an improvement from this through December and January. Thanks for your hard work in restarting recruitment at your site and renewed promotional efforts.

LUCKY NUMBER

Congratulations to Stella, Andrew, James and the rest of the team at Wolverhampton who were the lucky winners in December.

This month's lucky number is

165

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