# Whats on the HORIZON: 

## 2017 News \& Site Set Up



2017 looks to be an exciting and busy year for HORIZONS as we welcome on board our Phase 2 sites from January to March, the Devolved Nations sites from January to April and the Phase 3 sites for the rest of the year! Below is our site set up calendar and a map of our geographic spread across the UK:


By splitting up the site set up activity in this way, our Trial Management team will be able to support your research nurses, clinicians and R\&D in opening HORIZONS efficiently and effectively. If anything changes within your team that might impact site set up please let us know as soon as possible.

We really look forward to working with all the sites over the coming months.

## Recruitment News

On the 19th January, HORIZONS reached a big milestone recruiting our 100th participant!
Well done to the team at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who recruitedthem!

Also congratulations to...

NHS Ayrshire and Arran who are our first devolved nation site to open and recruited our first patient from a devolved nation!

## Surrey and Sussex

 Healthcare NHS Trust who have approached $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of eligible patients across all 3 cohorts!We would also like to thank all sites for the high proportion of eligible patients approached (the average across all cohorts is $85 \%$ ). Keep up the fantastic work!


## How we support your teams

The HORIZONS Coordinating Centre is here to support your team in various ways:

## Site update meetings

We run collaborative meetings as a way to bring all site teams together to discuss how the study fits in with the patient pathway and share ideas with other site teams to explore the challenges and opportunities in incorporating HORIZONS into your clinics and research portfolios.

## SIVs

We conduct remote SIV s with each site team including research nurses, clinicians, R\&D, CNS and the wider clinical team. Here we offer one-to-one support in the site set up and the site specific processes of the study with your team.

## Monthly cohort-specific teleconferences

We offer monthly cohort TC's which are open to all recruiting site teams to ring in to. These are an opportunity to discuss recruitment at site, look at recruitment trends, discuss any issues or successes with other teams and review eligibility queries.

## We're always on hand!

Any member of your team is welcome to email or ring us at any stage with any queries and a member of the team will be happy to help. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am5 pm , and we will inform you when the office is open during holiday periods.

## Participant feedback about HORIZONS

As part of our questionnaires, we invited participants to give comments about our study in an open text box. These have been used to help shape our approach (e.g. to outline aims of the questions and to help explain its length). We have also seen that many have found questionnaire completion to be beneficial to them:

## "This questionnaire has been helpful in that: it has helped me to understand what symptoms can be expected and to know that my experience can be helpful to improve the process for others..."

Endometrial cancer patient

We hope this helps to demonstrate the importance of the study and how it is appreciated by participants.

## Baseline questionnaire return rates

HORIZONS is very pleased to also report a high rate of questionnaire completion and return (an average of 81\%across all cohorts) which really shows how receptive our participants have been! Below is a breakdown across the cohorts:


## New research team member

We are very pleased to welcome and introduce to you, Sally Wheelwright who is our new Senior Research Fellow working at the Macmillan Survivorship Research Group!

Sally's previous work focussed on assessing and improving quality of life in cancer
 patients.


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