

What's on the HORIZON?



Celebrating our first year of recruitment!

Welcome to the fourth issue of 'What's on the HORIZON?' which celebrates our first year of HORIZONS recruitment.

We want to thank you all for your hard work with approaching and consenting patients to the study, the progress so far has been outstanding.

We recently reached the 800th participant milestone and so we are on target to achieving our goal of recruiting 3,000 patients to HORIZONS by the end of March 2019. It is truly fantastic to see a continually high proportion of eligible patients being approached (the average across all cohorts is 87%), please keep it up!

We want to also thank our participants for their continued involvement and support in the study. Our return rate of questionnaires is encouraging: 80% of baseline questionnaires have been returned across all cohorts! It is important we maintain this high level of engagement to capture a wide range of views and experiences so, if possible, please remind participants to complete and return their questionnaires when they can. We recently sent our 12 month follow-up questionnaires to the first patients recruited to HORIZONS and we have very recently received these back completed in full!

Here are just some of the study's highlights from the past year:

51 sites opened. That's 72 hospitals!	Over 800 participants recruited	HORIZONS is open in all 3 Devolved Nations!	2 successful Site Update Days!	46 Study Management Group meetings
Launched Online Questionnaire and eCRF platforms	2 Strategic Advisory Board meetings	10 Tumour specific expert panel meetings	3 User Reference Group meetings	3 pilot sites in London open
HORIZONS has been presented across many NCRI Clinical Studies Groups (including Lymphoma, Breast cancer, Gynaecological cancers, Psychosocial Oncology & Survivorship, Primary Care, Palliative & End of Life)		HORIZONS has been presented at national and international conferences (International Psycho-Oncology Society, British Psycho-Oncology Society, British Gynaecological Cancer Society)		

Recruitment so far:

Breast cancer	85% approached	Gynaecological cancers	90% approached	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	81% approached
	295 consented		361 consented		152 consented
	82% Baseline Qs returned		78% Baseline Qs returned		83% Baseline Qs returned

Congratulations to...

Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (Royal Oldham Hospital) who took less than 24 hours to recruit their first patient – our fastest recruiting site!

Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust who recruited our 800th participant!

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust who recruited our 700th participant!

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust who recruited our 600th participant!

Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre who recruited our 500th participant!

Getting over the first hurdle: Screening Logs



We note that some sites have had some teething problems with our screening logs but we offer a range of resources to help you, including our [screening log guidance document](#) available in your site file and online, as well as our [‘How to’ video guide](#) you can find on our website.

And of course, we are always on hand if you have any specific queries!

Our screening logs cover quite a lot of information but it allows us to understand the full eligible cohort and their outcome on the recruitment pathway at your site so it is very important to get this right.



How we support your teams

Please remember, we provide regular support to your team via:

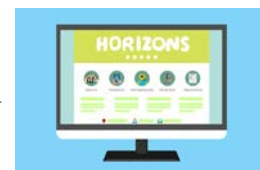


Monthly cohort-specific teleconferences

These TCs are open to all recruiting site teams. It's an opportunity to discuss recruitment at site, share best practice, review eligibility queries and provide news on the study. Please email us if you would like more information.

The HORIZONS Hub

Our website includes resources and information e.g. FAQs and our pre-recorded SIV.



Drop us a line!

Please 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, 9am-5pm, and we will inform you when the office is open during holiday periods.

eCRFs are here!

Please contact us if you would like to complete our CRFs online and we'll send you the details.



Thank you to everyone who helped to test the system!

Introducing: Richard Brooks



We are very pleased to welcome Richard Brooks, our new Trial Coordinator for the HORIZONS programme!

"I am really excited to have joined the HORIZONS Team. I am hoping the experience gleaned in my previous role developing research in the NHS, can ensure study recruitment remains strong. It is an honour and a privilege to be working in collaboration with so many amazing clinical oncology teams across the length and breadth of the UK, without your valuable engagement and support the study would simply not be possible."

Some gentle reminders

- Please remember to complete the Study ID on all study documents before handing to participants. We may have to destroy and lose valuable data if we are unable to identify who the questionnaire is from!
- If emailing study documents please use our NHS.net account and, if possible, password protect these documents.
- Patients on the private health pathway are ineligible for HORIZONS.



If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact us.



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