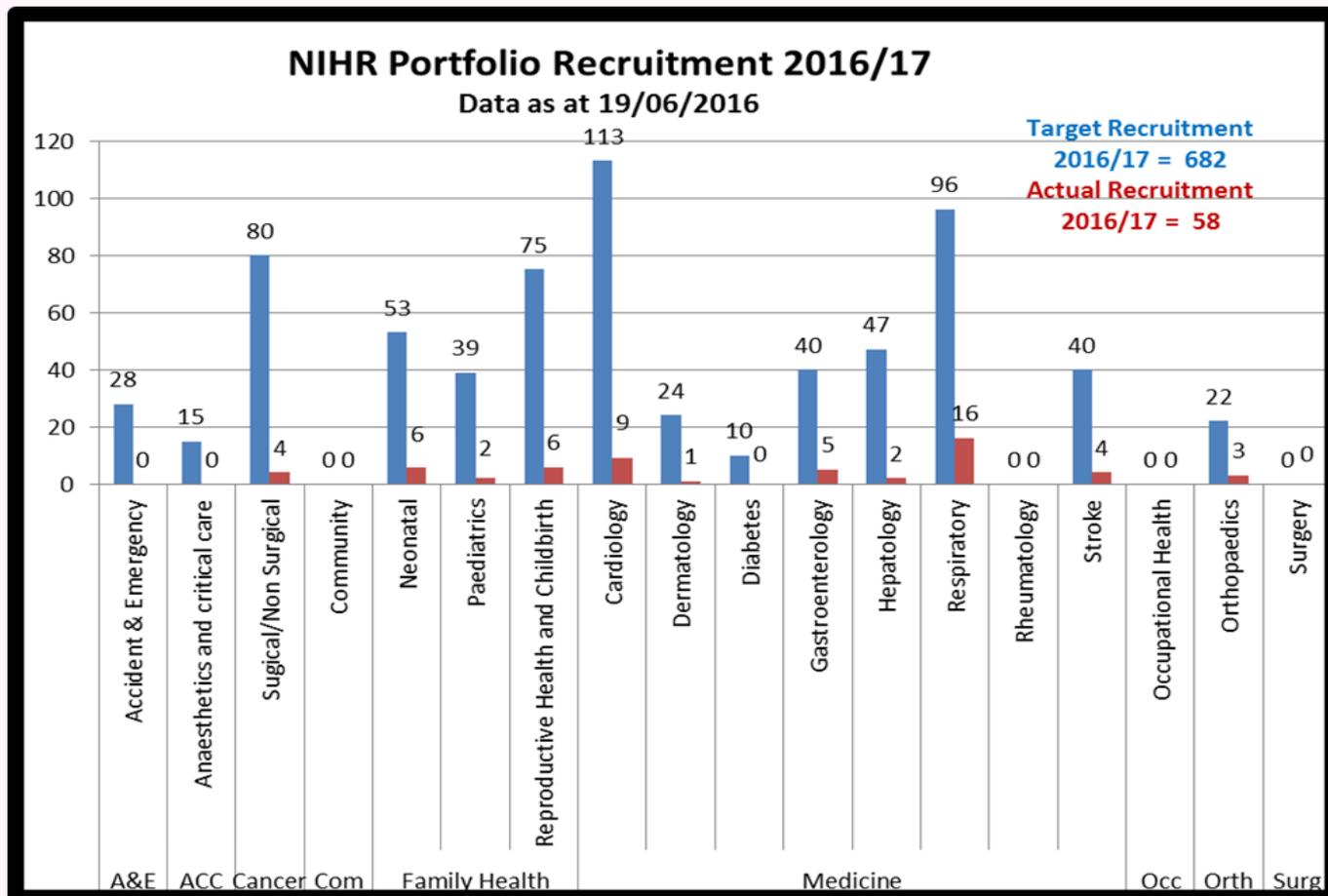


RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

RECRUITMENT 2016



To see recruitment by specialties follow this link [Recruitment report 2016/17](#)

OPEN COMMERCIAL STUDIES

Specialism	Principal Investigator	Total Target recruitment	Total Actual Recruitment
Gastroenterology	Professor Matt Rutter	3	2
Gastroenterology	Professor Matt Rutter	15	15
Cardiology	Dr Justin Carter	8	8
Cardiology	Dr Justin Carter	100	15
Cardiology	Dr Mathew Dewhurst	6	1
Respiratory	Dr Benjamin Prudon	10	4

SHARING GOOD NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Clinical researchers and academics can study without taking time out of the workplace thanks to Newcastle

University's online programmes

Alongside campus-based degrees, Newcastle University's Faculty of Medical Sciences offers e-learning interactive, collaborative, part-time, modular postgraduate programmes.

The provision of over thirty modules for CPD to full Masters, presents a flexible opportunity for you to learn in your own time, without any requirement to attend on-campus.

Module subjects are diverse and include topics such as Designing a Research Proposal, Writing in a Research Setting and Drug Discovery & Pre-Clinical Development.

Following successful completion of a module, you can, if you wish to, combine it with further e-modules and work towards achieving a

Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate

Diploma or a full Masters in Clinical and Health Sciences.

As well as the traditional September start date, we have modules that begin in January or April. If you would like to talk to us about CPD modules or the Clinical and Health

Sciences programme, please call 0191 208 7032 or email pgclinhealth@ncl.ac.uk

Newcastle University also offers online

Clinical Research and Clinical Research (Ageing) programmes during which you will be encouraged to plan, conduct and write-up clinical research. Our next courses begin in September and if you would like to talk to us about them, please call 0191 208 5199 or email epgclinres@ncl.ac.uk.

COMPLIMENTS

Certificates of Excellence have been awarded to the following staff:

Awards of excellence were given by Teesside University to **Wendy Cheadle** Research Nurse, for being an excellent mentor and to **R&D Manager Jane Greenaway** for being an excellent team mentor to student nurses on their placements in 2015

Helen Talbot R&D Facilitator has also received a certificate of excellence by student nurses from Teesside University on their 2015/16 placements

Teesside University, School of Health & Social Care And **North Tees School Nurses Karen Smith & Jean Angus** Senior Nurse Practice Placements awarded a **Certificate of Excellence** to **Pauline Shepherd**, R&D Administrator for her excellent preparation for students on their service improvement placements in R&D.

TOP 5 RECRUITING SPECIALISMS

1. **RESPIRATORY**
2. **CARDIOLOGY & NEONATES**
3. **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & GI**
4. **CANCER & STROKE**
5. **PAEDIATRICS, ORTHOPAEDICS & HEPATOLOGY**

STAR OF THE MONTH!

RESPIRATORY TEAM

FOR EMBARC STUDY

(RECRUITED 16PTS)



SHARING GOOD NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Congratulations to the **GI Team at North Tees**: They opened their first commercial study for and with only 2 sites open in the UK there was a pressure to deliver to time and target.

After a steady start with recruitment, the team liaised with the Bowel Cancer screening Programme Team and began to screen their patients which led to a huge increase in those wanting to take part and a busy period just trying to fit the patient visits in, complete e-CRFS and dealing with the intense monitoring visits. Despite these issues and the fact that the study closed early, the team exceeded their target of 15, recruiting 16 patients ahead of time. Well done to the team for their hard work on this study.

CARDIOLOGY STUDY:

A multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled phase 111b study to evaluate the efficacy, safety and tolerability of a new drug when added to standard therapy in Acute Heart Failure. They receive the following praise from the commercial sponsor Novartis “On behalf of Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK, we would like to **thank you** very much for your commitment to the study. We very much appreciate the enormous amount of effort and personal contributions that have been made by research staff at the study centres in the UK. In the UK vast amounts of patients have been screened and **127 patients** have been randomised. As a country we have contributed a substantial amount of important end point data to the study. Congratulations and well done to Principal Investigator Dr Carter and the cardiology research team”

Results from Studies

TIME-3 Study

The aim of the trial was to see if a drug called urokinase could help relieve the breathlessness of patients with fluid around the lung that was not draining off with a chest drain. They also looked to see if urokinase stopped the fluid coming back.

The study results showed that urokinase did not improve breathlessness or stop the fluid coming back, compared to patients who did not get urokinase. However, the team did find that patients who got urokinase lived for longer and spent less time in hospital. Important benefits that the team wish to explore further.

SHARING GOOD NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations from Professor Samir Gupta he was delighted to inform some of our teams that they were the recipients of additional “performance flow-through” payments from the CRN:NENC .

The performance flow-through funding to each network/trust is determined by performance against two metrics in a given data period

- Global firsts
- Recruitment to Time and Target

In CRN: North East and North Cumbria, all bar one trust received performance flow-through funding this year, compared with 8 organisations last year.

In our Trust, the following **teams** received such payments

- The **Respiratory Team** were awarded 2 sets of performance flow-through funding as they recruited to time and target for the SIROCCO and FLAME commercial studies (Richard Harrison, Ben Prudon, Graham Miller, Nicky Bateman, June Battram, Claire Irish, Angela Scott-Johnson and Lynda Poole)
- The **Surgical Research** received a payment for their successful recruitment to the RE-GENERYS study (Pud Bhaskar, Liz Baker, Debbie Wilson)

Congratulations to both teams on such successful delivery of commercial research.

Recruitment figures for the VUE Trial.

The Gynaecology research team have exceeded their original individual recruitment target for the VUE trial and recruited **240% of their target this month**

The VUE trial is a Vault or Uterine prolapse surgery Evaluation. Two parallel randomised controlled trials of surgical options for upper compartment (Vault or Uterine) pelvic organ prolapse.

Research & Development Team and Research Delivery staff.

R&D Team:

Director—Professor Samir Gupta

Manager—Jane Greenaway

Team leader—Lynne Williams

Facilitator—Helen Talbot

Administrator—Pauline Shepherd

Data Assistant—Jean Bage

R&D Research Delivery staff:

Cardiology—Julie Quigley & Pam Race

Paediatrics—Gabrielle Osborne, Heather Walker, Carolyn Campbell & data assistant Rebecca Tate

Neonates—Wendy Cheadle & data assistant Rebecca Tate

Respiratory—Nicola Bateman, Lynda Poole, June Battram, Claire Irish & Research Assistant

Angela Scott-Johnson

Obs & Gynae—Sharon Gowans, Alison Samuels & data assistant Rebecca Tate

A&E—Laura O'Rourke

Diabetes—Susan Kelsey

Dermatology—Sue Kelsey

Stroke—Susan Crawford

Cancer—Helen Wilson & Sarah Essex

GI /Hepatology—Carol Adams, Deborah Wilson, Tracey Johnston, Anne Eastick & Data Assistant
Deborah Smith

Surgery—Deborah Wilson & Liz Baker

If you have any good news research stories to share with us we would love to feature them in our next newsletter so please email Jean and tell us what you have been up to... Jean Bage: 01642 383046 jean.bage2@nth.nhs.uk

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