

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SurfON CI Site Visits

Our CI, Elaine Boyle has been very busy these last couple of months doing a SurfON roadshow around the country and we have now conducted 23 site visits either face to face or online! These visits have been a great opportunity for for us to meet you in person and for Elaine to answer any SurfON queries. We feel they have made a big difference in increasing awareness of SurfON. The engagement that we have seen is very encouraging and we are really looking forward to re-starting SurfON and get going again with recruitment in the coming months. A huge thank you to everyone who has attended the site visits so far and for your continued support of the SurfON trial. If any other sites are keen to have a site visit, please do let us know.

NIHR Research Recovery & Reset Programme

The NIHR has recently circulated information regarding the on-going challenges associated with research delivery following the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the on-going challenges, the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has introduced the "Research Reset" programme with the aim of making portfolio delivery achievable within planned timelines (time and target), and sustainable within the resource and capability in the NHS.

SurfON recruitment began mid-pandemic, and consequently recruitment and site opening was slower than anticipated. This has meant we are under review by the NIHR and the continuation of SurfON is dependent on meeting recruitment targets. The pause has given us a great opportunity to **'recover and reset'** by allowing time to visit all sites, in person where possible; to open new sites; to get vital amendments through; to hold a collaborators meeting; to reignite enthusiasm for this important piece of research. The greatest challenge we will face on reopening to recruitment is ensuring that we meet recruitment targets set by the NIHR. This equates to at least **1-2 babies per month per site** (more if possible). We really need to "hit the ground running"!

We are reviewing our restart criteria at the end of May 2022 and we will continue to keep sites informed of all updates. For further information on projected recruitment restart timeline and ongoing trial activities during this period, please click link <u>here</u>.



SurfON Collaborators Day, 15th June 2022 Birmingham *Final Registration Call*

Registration can be completed online by clicking on the Eventbrite link <u>here</u> or by emailing us at <u>surfon@npeu.ox.ac.uk</u>. If you have already accepted Outlook invite, do ensure that you let us know if you are attending online or in person either by emailing us or via link above. Please note that if you have already registered with full details (in person attendance indicating dietary requirements where applicable or online attendance), you need not register again.

View SurfON Website & Podcasts

We routinely update our website with news, podcasts and documentation. You can find our latest podcast on involving bigger babies in research <u>here</u>. We are also on twitter <u>@surfontrial</u> if you would like to tweet about your involvement on SurfON trial. We would love to see your updates and news!

Welcoming SurfON Champions & Associate Pls

We are thrilled to be working in partnership with our brand new SurfON Champions and Associate PIs. We are also continuing to accept applications for <u>SurfON NIHR</u> <u>Associate PI Scheme</u> and <u>SurfON Champion Scheme</u>. Please get in touch with us if you are interested.

SurfON Champions, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

Left to right:

Angela Abbate, Samantha LaRoche, Eileen Killen, and Jennifer McGowan.



SurfON Associate PIs across some of our NHS sites



Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Dr Samantha Sadoo. **Neonatal Grid Trainee**



University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Dr Pri Madawala, **Speciality Doctor**



Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, NHS Tayside Dr Sue Anne Lim, Paediatric Trainee



University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust **Dr Ranveer Singh** Sanghera, Neonatal **Speciality Trainee**

Thank you for all your hard work and your ongoing support of the SurfON trial.

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