

# TARDIS NEWS

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Recruitment at 20th May 2015

<b>Denmark</b>	
Copenhagen University (NC)	31
Herlev	8
<b>Georgia</b>	
Khechinashvili Medical Univ Hospital	24
Tbilisi Central Hospital	21
Tbilisi State Medical Institute	13
<b>New Zealand</b>	
Palmerston North Hospital (NC)	7
<b>UK*</b>	
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary	48
Aintree University Hospital	52
Airdrie: Monklands	41
Ashford: William Harvey	35
Ashington: Wansbeck	19
Barnsley District General Hospital	33
Bath: Royal United Hospital	22
Birmingham: Queen Elizabeth	7
Boston: Pilgrim Hospital	14
Bournemouth	19
Bristol Royal Infirmary	5
Bury: Fairfield General Hospital	7
Chertsey: St Peters	9
Chesterfield Royal	23
Colchester General	40
Countess of Chester	54
County Durham	29
Coventry University Hospital	9
Derby	62
Dewsbury & District Hospital	56
Doncaster & Bassetlaw	17
Dudley: Russells Hall	11
Eastbourne General	40
Exeter: Royal Devon	59
Frimley Park	6
Gateshead: Queen Elizabeth	35
Glasgow Royal Infirmary	19
Guildford: Royal Surrey	13
Halifax: Calderdale	39
Hereford	7
High Wycombe	24
Inverness: Raigmore	30
Ipswich	21
King's Lynn: Queen Elizabeth Hosp	16
Kirkcaldy: Victoria Hospital	23
Larbert: Forth Valley	10
Leeds General Infirmary	46
Leicester Royal Infirmary	21
Liverpool: Royal	60
London: Barts	24
London: Charing Cross	18
London: Croydon	10
London: Homerton	5
London: Kings College	142
London: Princess Royal Univ Hosp	22
London: St George's	152
Macclesfield	16
Manchester: S. University Hospital	11
Mansfield: Kings Mill	45
Margate: Queen Elizabeth Q.Mother	47
Middlesbrough: James Cooke	38
Newcastle u. Tyne: Royal Victoria	31
Northampton General	5
Nottingham University Hospital	197
Peterborough & Stamford	7
Plymouth Hospitals	12
Poole Hospital	8
Prescot: Whiston	25
Preston	36
Rotherham	14
Salford Royal	7
Salisbury District Hospital	12
Scarborough General Hospital	9
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals	39
Southend University Hospital	9
Stevenage: Lister Hospital	18
Stockport: Stepping Hill	11
Stockton on Tees	26
Stoke on Trent: North Staffordshire	178
Sunderland City Hospital	9
Torbay	45
Truro: Royal Cornwall	19
Walsall Manor	5
Watford General	6
Whitehaven: West Cumberland	15
Winchester: Hampshire Hospital	20
Wolverhampton: New Cross	16
Yeovil District Hospital	16
<b>* Recruited at least 5 patients</b>	21

## Newsletter for the *Triple Antiplatelets for Reducing Dependency after Ischaemic Stroke* trial

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## Recruitment

We need to recruit **66 participants** per month to reach our target of 4,100 participants by early 2017. We are currently recruiting **only 52** per month.

Please let us know of your experiences with recruitment: **any** feedback is appreciated!

## Significant Adverse Events (SAEs)

When reporting diagnosis e.g. carotid stenosis, please ensure that it is categorised correctly according to the **time at which it was detected/found** and not whether it was likely to be present before randomisation.

## Drugs

### Pre-randomisation exclusions

Please note that patients who are taking combined therapy (aspirin and dipyridamole) or monotherapy (e.g. aspirin, clopidogrel or dipyridamole alone) are eligible for recruitment into TARDIS; however, **only aspirin alone** is allowed **after** the presenting TIA or stroke **prior** to randomisation in the trial.

### Loading doses: reminder

The correct loading doses are as follows:

- Aspirin 300mg**
- Dipyridamole 200mg MR**
- Clopidogrel 300mg**

### Dipyridamole

If the participant has a headache, dipyridamole can be weaned up gradually from 50mg of tablets to the full dose of modified release capsules. See the FAQ for more information.

## Posterior Symptoms

Please note that patients with posterior fossa symptoms such as diplopia as a result of ophthalmoplegia, dysarthria, ataxia, 'crossed syndromes' such as ipsilateral cranial nerve weakness with contralateral motor or sensory dysfunction **can** be recruited into TARDIS as long as there is positive evidence on MRI imaging.



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- An upload system is in place for documents relating to SAEs to be attached to their relevant event: please ensure all documents are **fully anonymised** before uploading
- Please remember **all documents must be fully anonymised before submission except consent and patient contact details before being sent to the Co-ordinating Centre**
- Do not allow new investigators to do anything until the Trial Office has **confirmed** all paperwork is in order and the investigators have been sent their activation email, regardless of whether they need to access the live website.
- Send all paperwork at the same time for new investigators: this makes the process much quicker.
- Update the delegation log when investigators leave, and send to the Trial Office as soon as authorised by the PI so that we can de-activate their accounts and stop automatic emails being sent.
- Use the fax cover sheet as a **checklist** guide for the paperwork we need to be sent once a participant has been recruited, and send within a week to avoid being chased!
- When a patient is thrombolysed, please note that the **post-thrombolysis scan** is the baseline scan for the trial.
- A **working** NG tube must be in place **prior** to randomising a patient who is unable to swallow

## Data Monitoring Committee

The TARDIS DMC recommends that the trial should **continue without modification**.

## TARDIS Events

TARDIS will be present at NIMAST in Belfast, UK, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## ★ Congratulations to...★

- Herlev, Denmark and Great Western, UK: for recruiting their first participants
- Stoke-on-Trent, UK, for winning the November competitions: most participants and fastest recruitment time
- Nottingham, UK: recruiting 10 participants in the last 30 days
- North Tees, UK, and St. Georges, UK: recruiting seven participants in the last 30 days
- Herlev, Denmark: fastest recruitment in the last 30 days



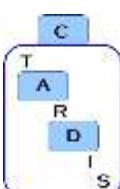
## Staff Changes

Welcome to Diane Havard, our new Senior Trials Manager!

Tanya Payne has now left us: Michael Stringer has taken over Tanya's sites for now.

## \*\*Recently updated documents\*\*

- WPDs 035 (Uploading CT or MR Images), 035a (Uploading Images on TARDIS website) and 035b (Finding Image Files); 045 (SAE/Bleeding Events)
- SOPs TA008 (Trial Initiation), TA013 (Protocol Amendments) and TA014 (SAE Reporting)
- Substantial amendment SA05/14 and confirmation from REC
- Data Monitoring Committee report 30/01/2015



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