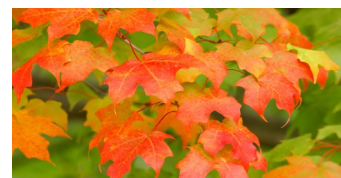


## Newsletter No. 7 Autumn 2013

Welcome to all the new sites that have joined us.

We are now open in Scotland with Glasgow & Dundee open and recruiting

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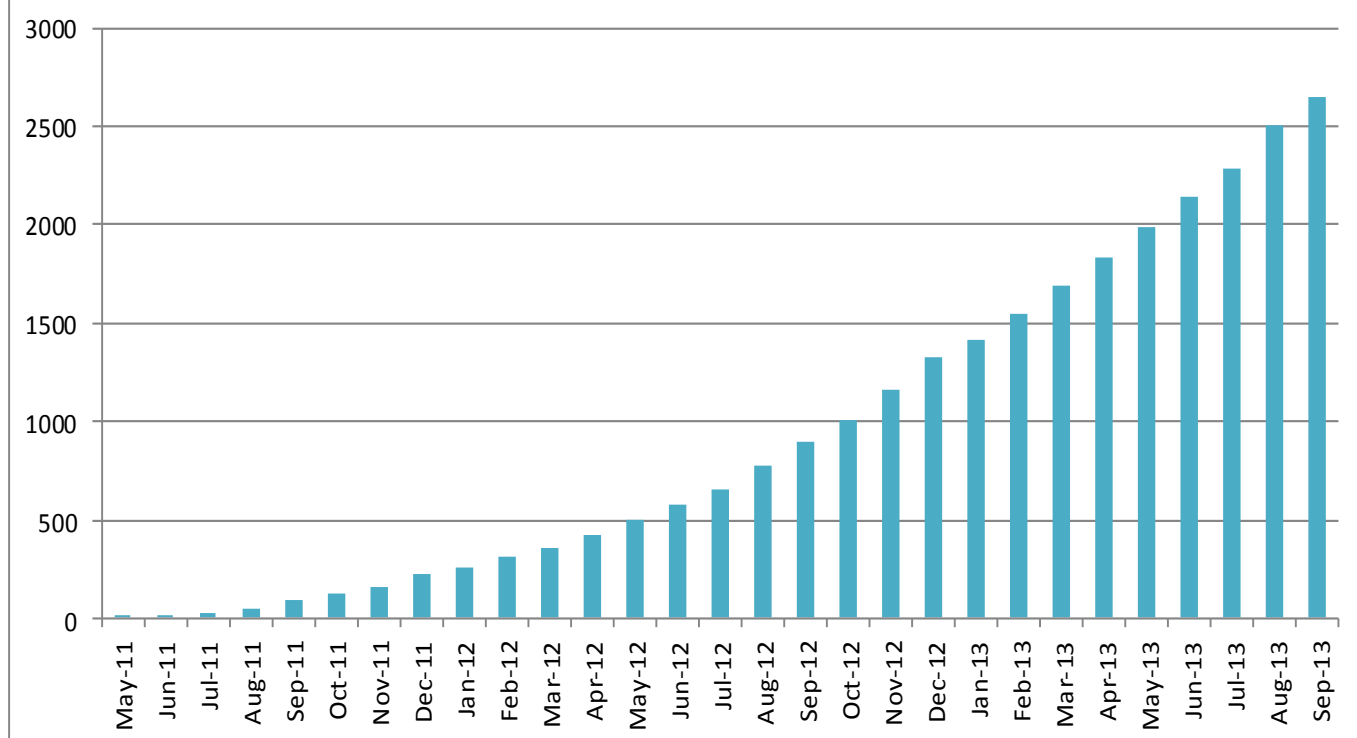


With the October figures coming in we have now exceeded 3000 patients. The figures are still arriving and we are on target to reach 5000 by the end of December 2014. Currently 69 sites are open and we are recruiting an average of 155 patients a month. Thank you to everyone for making this possible. The autumn leaves may be falling but our recruitment figures keep rising.

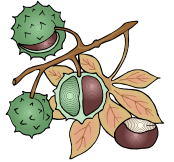
Keep up the good work!!



### Head & Neck 5000 Recruitment

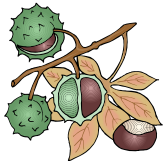


## Meet the Team



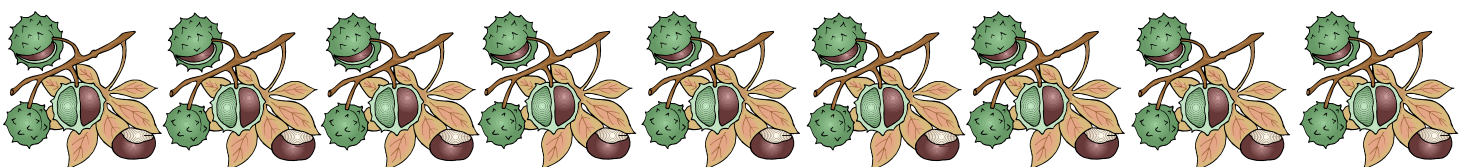
### **Chris Lippiatt is our new data co-ordinator**

**I have worked for the NHS in this trust for many years. When I first joined I worked as a ward clerk on a busy gastroenterology ward and later as a receptionist/clinic co-ordinator in pre-op assessment. I joined the surgical research team in April this year as a Data Co-ordinator for the Head & Neck 5000 study which I am really enjoying, I now realise how vital research is. I am 57 years old and have been married to my husband Mike for 37 years. We very sadly lost our only son Joe aged 31 to cancer just over a year ago. In my leisure time I enjoy walking, reading, socialising & eating out with good friends and foreign holidays of which Greek islands are our favourite destination.**



### **Chris Penfold is our new statistician**

**I joined the Head&Neck5000 team in May 2013 as a statistician. I completed my PhD at the University of Cardiff in 2011 and have worked as a post-doctoral researcher in Bath, Bristol and Newcastle (Australia). My main role in the Head&Neck5000 study is to ensure that the data collected from study sites and participant questionnaires is suitable for analysis, which will be leading to our first publications in the near future. I have been a keen ultimate Frisbee player for around 12 years, although these days I use it as a good excuse to escape to warm foreign beaches.**



## **Please check eligibility carefully before consenting patients**

**Patients must have a new head and neck primary cancer to be eligible for the study**

**Patients with recurrence are not eligible**

**Has treatment already started? Recruitment and baseline procedures are to be completed after the patient has been given their diagnosis but before treatment starts**

The exceptions to this rule are:

Where the diagnostic procedure is also the treatment (e.g. tonsillectomy or thyroidectomy). In this case baseline can be done up to one month after the procedure.

Where there is no treatment procedure (i.e. supportive care only) baseline can be done at any time, but ideally as close to diagnosis as possible.

**For the full eligibility criteria please refer to the study protocol**



## **A Reminder!**

**Please do not leave any empty sections on the Data Capture Forms. If information is unavailable or not applicable please write this on the form.**

**If we see a blank box we will send you a data query form!!!**

