



A big hello to all our collaborators on SurfON!

As you may know, recruitment on SurfON has been temporarily paused due to impact from COVID-19 and Omicron variant since **Friday 11th February 2022 23:00**. We anticipate this pause will be short and we will be reviewing site readiness to recommence recruitment monthly. We are currently working with sites to complete data collection for existing participants, identify any training needs and regulatory and governance documentation. Although we are on a recruitment pause, we are undergoing a buzzing period of activity to recommence recruitment!

Chief Investigator (CI) Site Visits

The CI for SurfON, Prof Elaine Boyle, is currently conducting individual site visits in person or online. This is to provide an update on SurfON and also to answer any questions that you may have locally. Sites are being approached on a phased basis for arranging these visits.

We are also working with new sites in order to complete set up and training.



SurfON accepted for NIHR Associate PI Scheme

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We are pleased to confirm that the SurfON (CPMS ID: 44406) has now been registered for the Associate PI scheme and has been listed on the [List of Registered Studies on the NIHR Associate PI Scheme Website](#).

It is open to any doctor, nurses and AHPs willing to make a significant contribution to the conduct and delivery at a local level. The scheme is not open to those who are funded to work on research, such as Research Nurses. Participation in the Associate PI Scheme does not absolve local PIs of their responsibilities at site. Local PIs will act as mentors to their Associate PI. Commitment of at least 6 months will be required for gaining Associate PI status. Get in touch with us for more info as this will be great on your CV!

Recruitment Summary & Centre Update

We have 24 recruiting sites currently and a further 7 new sites are joining us soon. We are actively looking for more recruiting sites (**NICUs & LNUs**) in order to help us reach our overall recruitment target of **1522 babies!** If you work in a **SCU** that is interested in participating, please get in touch with us.

Top recruiting sites in February with just 11 recruiting days were William Harvey Hospital, Ashford and Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. Overall we had 6 babies included on SurfON in Feb 2022.

We are looking for SurfON Champions to help us recruit at least **1 Baby Per Month** at every site

Could YOU be our local Champion?

If you are passionate about getting more people involved in research so that we can develop better care and treatment for these babies, then this is a perfect opportunity to volunteer as a SurfON Champion locally at your unit! You can help other healthcare professionals to understand why this trial is important and help parents make informed decisions about trial participation. With your permission, we would love to acknowledge you and your work as a Champion on our website. Your experience will also make a great addition to your CV. Please get in touch with us if you are interested.



Delegation Logs & Screening Logs Submission

We request all sites to submit a full scanned copy (all pages included) of their Delegation Logs to SurfON team by **25th March 2022**. Some sites have both Version 2.0 and Version 3.0 in use, in which case, we request both Delegation Logs to be submitted in full.

We also request sites to complete their Screening Logs online so it is up to date until *Feb 11th 2022* by the end of March 2022.

Please also check for any errors in Consent Forms obtained at your site following our **Guidance sheet** and **Protocol**. Only nhs.net to nhs.net emails are end-to-end encrypted. Consent Forms should only be emailed to ouh-tr.surfon@nhs.net from your nhs.net id to prevent trial-related data breaches.

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

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