

# SurfON

## Surfactant Or Not

### NEWSLETTER

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#### Introduction and contract variation news

Welcome to the SurfON Spring Newsletter. Thank you for all your work on recruitment. SurfON has formally requested an extension from the NIHR HTA, and we hope to hear back very soon.

It is important for the trial to achieve its recruiting target of 1-2 babies per month per site, so please keep approaching all eligible babies.

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#### 500th SurfON Baby Celebration



To celebrate reaching 500 babies on the SurfON Trial the **site that recruited the 500th SurfON baby will receive a gift. Congratulations Royal Preston Hospital.**

We are so grateful for all the hard work that sites have put into help us achieve this milestone. We would not be able to do it without you! Good luck everyone!

## SurfON Champions

SurfON Champions are team members who help to get more people involved in research locally at their site. They raise awareness about the trial, discuss and address recruitment related issues early on, provide training to staff members and help parents make informed decisions about trial participation. If you are interested in becoming a SurfON Champion, please get in touch.



We have spoken to our team of Champions at Belfast Health & Social Care Trust: Angela Abbate, Samantha LaRoche, Eileen Killen, and Jennifer McGowan (As pictured above) to ask them about their experience working on SurfON.

### What you enjoy about working on SurfON?

All of our mums seem really well engaged in the trial and feedback from them would suggest they are happy to have had opportunity to contribute to research. The weekly updates from CI Elaine Boyle are also much appreciated and we have a very proactive PI in Dr Sweet. Receiving the Congratulations Certificates and treats keeps us motivated too!

### Do you have any hints and tips for other recruiting sites?

Get ahead of the game by checking out elective section theatre lists!

### Are there any challenges you have faced on SurfON and how did you overcome them?

Obtaining GCPs and CVs from medical staff following changeover in Aug/Feb. We email them before they have even started.

## SurfON Delegation Log v4.0 Action Required

With recent staff rotations we are carrying out an audit to ensure that all our v4.0 delegation logs match those you hold at site.

**\*\*We ask ALL sites to please forward a copy of your complete and up to date SurfON v4.0 delegation log (all pages), with entries signed off and dated by PI.\*\***

The v4.0 log supersedes all previous v2.0 and v3.0 SurfON delegation logs. Any members of staff not on v4.0 log (even if on previous v2.0 and v3.0 logs) are no longer authorised to carry out delegated duties for SurfON.

For the staff shown on v2.0 and v3.0 who are no longer working on SurfON, we will require an end date of duties. Please send us a copy of your previous versions of delegation log (v2.0/v3.0) showing end dates for staff no longer working on SurfON, in order for us to update our records.

### Transfer of care and whether it constitutes raising an SAE

We would like to remind all sites that transfer of care may require you to report an SAE to the SurfON Team.

Transfer to another hospital related to **early respiratory management** for the reasons below will need to be reported as an SAE within 24 hours of the site becoming aware.

- for escalation of care
- for neonatal intensive care because of lack of intensive care cot capacity in the NICU or LNU of birth

(Please note that transfers for a lower level of care (SCU) or for reasons unrelated to respiratory management do not need to be reported as an SAE unless otherwise stated in the SurfON protocol, section 11 Safety Reporting on page 24).

Ideally we would prefer you report an SAE directly via OpenClinica, if you are using the paper form please be mindful that if you send a scanned copy to the SurfON email [surfon@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:surfon@npeu.ox.ac.uk) do not send any personal identifiable information as this will cause a data breach. Paper forms can be securely emailed to [ouh-tr.surfon@nhs.net](mailto:ouh-tr.surfon@nhs.net)

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

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