

Trial Status – March 2020

The beginning of March started with much optimism. Three sites were open to recruitment and our very first patient was recruited by Glan Clwyd Hospital. For those sites still in set-up, progress was running smoothly with the anticipation of St James's Hospital opening in the near future.

However, the unprecedented change to our lives over these last few weeks, due to COVID-19, has impacted the NHS and subsequently APHRODITE. I think we can all agree that everything has changed **very quickly** both personally and professionally. The APHRODITE team would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you during this time. We understand that our research delivery won't be the primary focus over these next months but we just wanted to say we think **you are amazing** and thank you.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and our patient population, the APHRODITE senior trial team concluded, that with **immediate effect recruitment should be suspended**. Therefore, Glan Clwyd, Lincoln and Royal Preston have halted recruitment and a notification of a non-substantial amendment is in process to inform our governing bodies of this decision. We have also temporary suspended the randomisation system so no new patients can be randomised at this time.

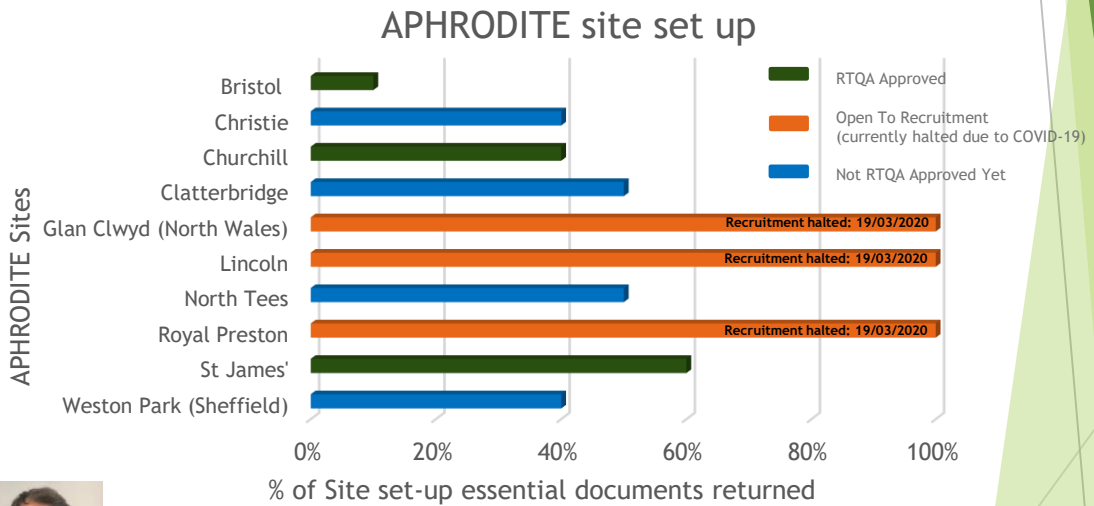
With this been said, we want to still work with sites, if they are able to do so, to continue setup.

We will help and support you in any way we can. We know that clinical resources will be stretched at this time, but we are hoping to still work with the non-clinical support staff and R&I to slowly but surely move site setup forward.

This means that when we do reopen, we will be in the best position possible to start recruiting in to the trial again.

Trial Progress

To recap from last months newsletter, we had officially opened 3 sites, which have now halted to recruitment. Currently, we have 6 sites that are RTQA approved.



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Matthew is our Trial Management Assistant. He's happy to help answer any questions you may have.

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From all of us here at the APHRODITE team!



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