

PROTECTOR Newsletter – July 2026

We have good news – PROTECTOR EXTENSION IS OPEN AT 12 SITES!

We have now re-opened PROTECTOR with PROTECTOR Extension! All sites have received **substantial amendment 4** detailing the changes, and we are working hard to re-open all participating sites!

- Thank you to the team in **Cambridge Addenbrooke's Hospital** who have been fantastic and already recruited 12 patients! Treats are on their way to you!
- Please continue uploading all data to the relevant eCRFs. If you experience any access issues, please email bci-protector@qmul.ac.uk. Thank you again to all sites and pathologists for your patience while the database was down.
- PROTECTOR continues to be registered with the **NIHR Associate PI Scheme**. Some issues were noted by some colleagues with signing up, and these are being addressed with NIHR. Please let us know if you face any problems.

Site	Extension Recruitment
Barts Health NHS Trust	18
Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust	1
Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust	4
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust	4
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust	2
Northampton General Hospitals NHS Trust	0
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	3
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	1
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	5
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust	12
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	0
Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside	0
TOTAL	50

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Re-opening PROTECTOR

- All necessary regulations for **PROTECTOR Extension** have been approved, and we are preparing for everyone to re-open to recruitment **pending site documentation**. All sites which have completed sending in the required documentation have been re-opened.
- Big thank you to the 12 sites that have already re-opened and commenced recruitment – we have recruited **50 participants already!**
- Our central team is currently contacting all R&D teams across sites to re-open recruitment – you would have had communication regarding pending paperwork. **Please return/send through all pending documents and we can get everyone up and running!** If your team is unsure about what documents are pending – please email us and we can assist you.
- Our new PROTECTOR Extension database is live! **This should work with your existing log ins** – please recruit PROTECTOR Extension participants onto this Extension Database.
- Questionnaires are digital for PROTECTOR Extension patients. After much feedback and hard work, we have finally been able to digitalise all questionnaires for PROTECTOR Extension patients. For the time being, initial PROTECTOR patients with an SXXX VRN are still receiving paper questionnaires.

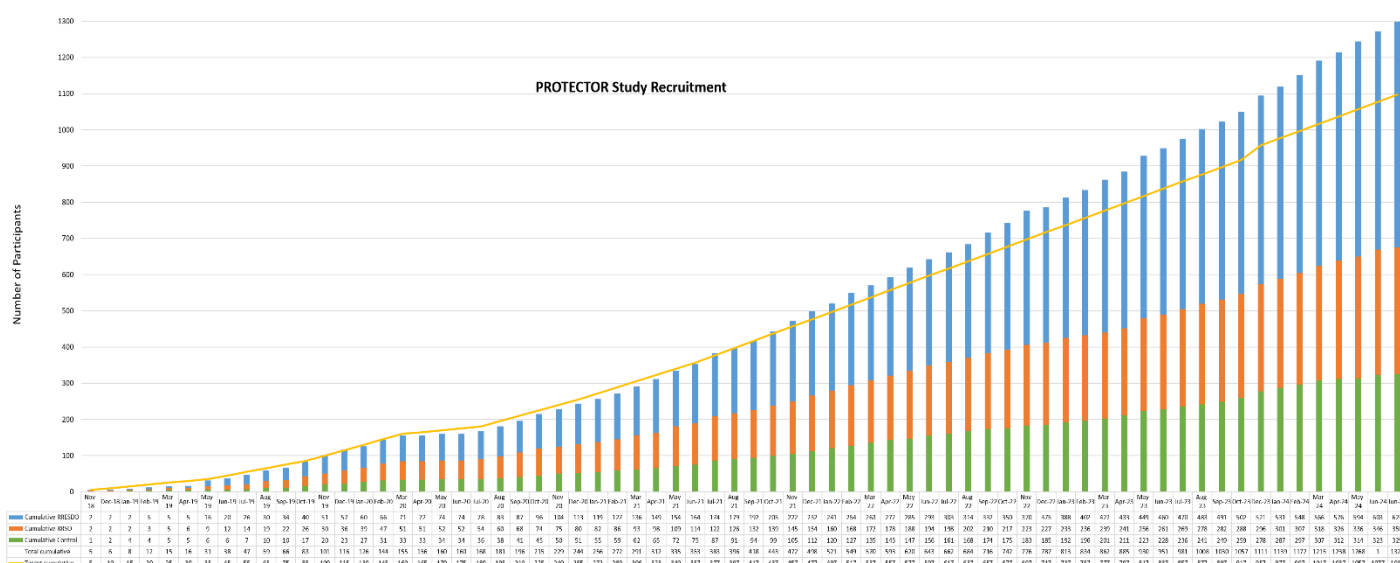
REMINDER

- **Please notify us** when a participant's **surgery** is scheduled or has happened.
- Please continue posting histopathology and cytology slides and blocks to the **PROTECTOR team** following local pathology review. **Please notify us when slides are on the way and ensure slides are sent in a timely manner and pseudo-anonymized prior to sending. Please also ensure slides/blocks are packaged safely to avoid breakages!**

PROTECTOR REVIEW

Now that we have re-opened for PROTECTOR Extension, let's reflect on the success of PROTECTOR. Thank you all for your part in building PROTECTOR. We have a total of **1294 active participants**!

Site	PROTECTOR Recruitment	Site	PROTECTOR Recruitment
Barts Health NHS Trust	125	Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust	18
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	80	Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, NHS Grampian	22
St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	85	Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust	34
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	84	East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	26
Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	47	North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	12
University College London Hospital Foundation Trust	66	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	12
Worcestershire Acute Hospital Trust	50	Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust	14
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	57	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	26
Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust	44	East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	10
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust	50	Ysbyty Gwynedd Hospital, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	7
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	43	Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust	6
Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust	31	Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	15
Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	40	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	12
Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals	37	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, NHS Lothian	8
Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust	36	University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust	7
University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust	25	Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust	2
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	36	Northwick Park and St Mark's Hospitals	5
Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside	28	South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust	1
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust	27	South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	2
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust	28	Swansea Bay University Local Health Board	0
Northampton General Hospitals NHS Trust	19	Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust	17
TOTAL		1294	



REMINDER

- Please continue to follow up these patients and **update the PROTECTOR database** rather than the PROTECTOR Extension database.
- If initial PROTECTOR patients with a SXXX VRN move from a control to a surgical arm, they **DO NOT** become PROTECTOR Extension patients – they remain on the database onto which they were originally registered, and a 'Switch Study Arm' eCRF needs to be completed

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