



A randomised controlled trial of percutaneous fixation with Kirschner wires versus Volar locking-plate fixation in the treatment of adult patients with a dorsally displaced fracture of the distal radius.

Centre Progress, Recruitment and Follow-up update

Centre	Total Recruited	Recruited in October
University Hospital Coventry	77	5
Ipswich Hospital	16	0
Royal Victoria, Newcastle	36	1
Frenchay Hospital	20	0
James Cook, Middlesbrough	18	0
North Staffordshire	15	2
St Thomas', London	14	3
John Radcliffe, Oxford	16	3
Addenbrookes, Cambridge	14	1
Poole Hospital	9	1
Leicester General	2	0
Northampton General	7	4
Wansbeck General	10	3
Blackburn & Burnley	18	5
Peterborough City Hospital	1	0

Wexham Park and Hartlepool & North Tees, our last 2 centres, will open for recruitment in November. So welcome on board to the teams.

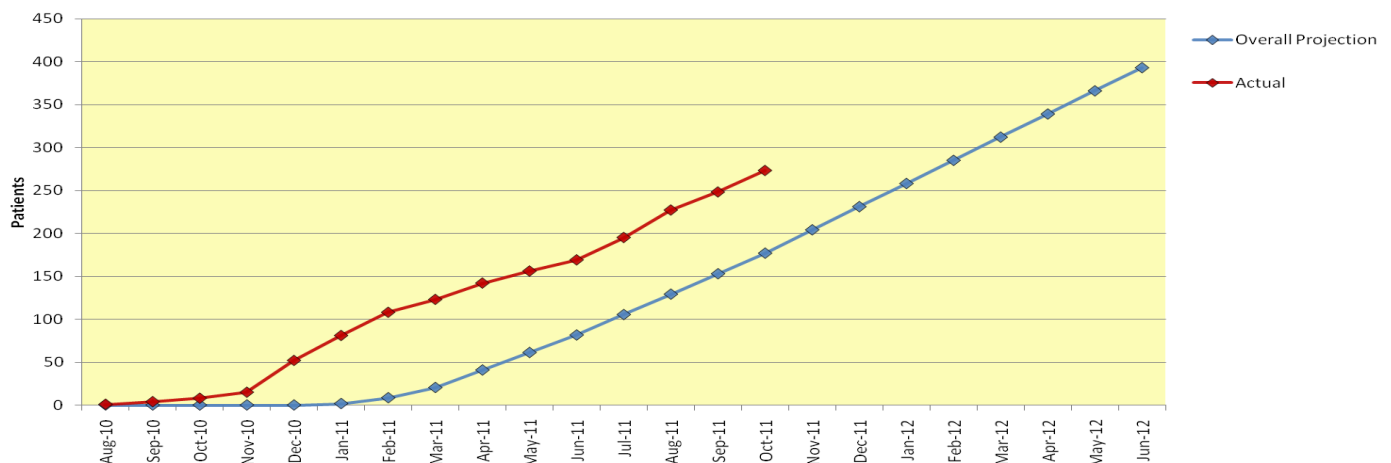
Congratulations to all centres that recruited participants in October. We had a good month with **25** patients being recruited. Particular congratulations to UHCW, Blackburn and Northampton.

To date we have recruited **273** patients and are **70%** towards our target which is fantastic. With 8 months still to recruit we look likely to go beyond our target.

Follow up is going well with **89%** at 3 months, **89%** at 6 months and **73%** at 12 months to date.

Please do remember to emphasise when consenting patients that taking part in DRAFT is not just a matter of being randomised to a treatment but committing to returning the questionnaires. Without this data we will not be able to answer our question.

DRAFT Recruitment



Collaborators Day

On the 20th October, Research Associates and Principal Investigators from across 14 of our 17 centres joined us in Warwick for our first collaborators day.

The day was a great success and started with an update from Mr Costa on the progress of DRAFFT to date. This was followed by a session which focused on how and why screening ALL distal radius fractures is so important. This included contributions from Jacqueline Claydon (Research Associate from Royal Victoria Infirmary) and Kirstie Walker (Research Associate from Wansbeck General).

The group then split to discuss successes and challenges they have experienced to date at their centres and fed this back to the group.

After lunch we heard from David Keene (AIM Research Physiotherapist) and Professor Damian Griffin (HeFT Chief Investigator). These talks focused on lessons learnt from these two large and successful multi-centred orthopaedic trials.

The day ended with a saw bones workshop which allowed people to have a go at fixing the plates and wires into a wrist.

A full report from the day with analysis of the feedback will be circulated shortly.

The key points from the day were:

Screening— This best way to perform screening is individual to each centre but hopefully discussing the different ways this is done across some sites helped to generate new ideas on how this can be approached. This session highlighted that all centres have to do this and they all struggle as it takes a huge amount of time but that the information it gives us is incredibly valuable and will help support our results in the final paper.

Recruitment and follow-up — Are going well and we intend to continue beyond the 390 target and expect a surge in recruitment over winter.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We hope you had an enjoyable day and found meeting others involved with the study to be a useful experience.

Keep up the excellent work and let's continue to recruit as fantastically as we have so far.

