



PODCAST UK TELECONFERENCE WORKSHOP MINUTES

23 November 2011, 12.30pm

UoN attendees: Philip Bath (PB), Lynn Stokes (LS), Lee Haywood (LH) Sally Utton (SU).

UK attendees (25): Maggie Ball (C10 Chesterfield), Martha Mangoyana (C16 Derby), Ahmed Barkat (C12, Newcastle), Donna Hayward (C05, Yeovil), Linda Cowie (C23, Ashford), John O'Brien (TSC member), David Bruce (C20 North Tees & Hartlepool), Val Hogg (C12 Newcastle), Ellen Brown (C17 Durham & Darlington), Paula Sharratt (C08, Airedale), Lynn Johnston/Brigid Hairsine (C13 Bradford), Madeleine Duffy (C15 South Tyneside), Kirsty Harkness (Sheffield), Kath Chapman (C21 James Cook, Middlesbrough), Natasha Dyer (C18 York), Anna Orpen/Catherine Ovington (C03, Bournemouth), Judy Murdy (CTTL NESRN), Deborah Dellafera (Basingstoke), Jacqueline Furness/Anna Joyson (Aberdeen), (David Eveson/Shagufta Khan/Mel Dickens (Leicester).

1. Welcome and status

Sally Utton welcomed everyone to the call and also reminded everyone about the forthcoming investigator meeting at the UKSF.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Recruitment. Update.

Lynn Stokes said there are now 23 centres, 15 patients randomised.

4. New facility for resetting password

Lee Haywood, Data Programmer, gave a brief run through of the new facility.

"Quite often we receive requests from investigators who have forgotten their passwords, and up until now this usually had to be done by contacting the trial office and asking for a reset. This was happening so often that some of our staff members found it took up most of their time, so we've introduced a way for anyone at your site who has forgotten their password to reset it themselves – hopefully without the need to call us here at Nottingham. It's fairly straightforward, and works on the assumption that you already know the PIN that we issued when your account was created. If you don't know your PIN then you'll still have to either call us up or email us. So to begin with, the login page now has a link that says 'If you have forgotten your login details then please click here.'

This then takes you to a page that asks for your centre number, email address and PIN. If you enter these correctly, an email is sent which serves 2 purposes. First, it reminds you of your investigator ID in case that's what you've forgotten. And second, it provides a link for resetting your password.

One thing that is likely to be confusing, whether someone has forgotten their password or not, is that there's now a second PIN. This second PIN is referred to as a 'memorable PIN'. Since most people don't have one already then they have to set it when they first, or next, change their password. After that, whenever someone forgets their password in the future, and they do already have a memorable PIN then they will have to enter both the main login PIN and the memorable PIN to confirm their identity. Unfortunately some people get confused by this second PIN, but the login page does prompt them to enter their original PIN and not their memorable one."

5. Comments / Questions from Investigators

Question from Dr Kirsty Karkness, Sheffield – Have there been any change of minds by the PCTS who originally refused?

LS said there have been some PCTs who originally rejected PODCAST who have changed their minds. PCRN and DeNDRoN networks are helpful when asking the PCTs to rethink their rejection.

Question from Judy Murdy, Team Leader NESRN - Do we have clarification of the Excess Treatment Costs in order to promote PODCAST in the North East?

LS confirmed that there is a costing spreadsheet available on CSP.

Comment from Philip Bath re lower targets being aimed for than asked for in the protocol

Clarification that if a centre aims for lower lipids than is asked for at Guideline then that centre cannot take part.

Comment from Philip Bath regarding low ACE-R score

If the ACE-R score suggests the need for dementia referral then it is up to the PI at the local site to decide if dementia referral is necessary. Kirsty Harkness, Sheffield, added that that the ACE-R score isn't the only information we can use as the family is a good source of information. Kirsty uses the Cambridge Inventory in order to obtain further information from the informant. Kirsty to send it through to Sandeep.

Question from Mel Dickens, Leicester - When does recruitment stop?

LS responded that the protocol states 24 months for the feasibility stage and 66 months for the main phase. PB added that the endpoint of recruitment is fluid.

Question from Val Hogg, Newcastle - What if the lipids are not obtained at time of index stroke?

LS said they can be done at clinic or after stroke as long as there are results available for the telephone screening.

Date of Next Telecon Workshop: April 2012