CASE STUDY SITE NEWSLETTER – May 2018

Thank you to all our case study site teams for your continued hard work in helping us make the study a success. So far, we have had some good feedback from carers in particular that they are happy to take part in the study.

A THANK YOU TO OUR SITES TRAINING/CONFERENCE SUPPORT

As a thank you for your continued support and hard work, we would like to offer each case study site £500 towards local training or attendance at a national conference (e.g. NAHH conference being held in October 2018). We will be sending information about this contribution to your local PI and we hope you find it useful in supporting the training and development of the Hospice at Home team.

If at any time you feel you would like some update or further training with respect to the study, please do get in touch.

RECRUITMENT .... SO FAR

All of our 7 case study sites are now open to recruitment. Thank you all for finding time to fit in our study training and we hope you are all feeling comfortable with the study process and introducing the study to patients and carers. We are happy to support sites in any way we can during the recruitment period in person or over the phone so don’t hesitate to contact us.

We are now 6 months into our recruitment phase of the study. We still have plenty of time to recruit as many patient/carer pairs as possible. Recruitment continues until 31st March 2019.

73 patient/carer pairs consented to the study (up until 31/4/18). Please keep up the good work! This is nearly a quarter of the way towards our minimum target across all our sites.
We are in the process of getting the relevant approvals for an amendment to the study. This will include the following:

- We would like to give carers the opportunity to do the Quality of Death and Dying interview with carers earlier if they want to. Where we have built a relationship with patients and feel it is appropriate to offer this, we will.
- We want to conduct follow up interviews with service providers and commissioners early next year to see how the service has changed if at all
- Make some minor clarifications to the protocol
- Review the information we are providing to patient/carers and the data we are collecting is in line with the new GDPR regulations coming into force on 25th May. Therefore, we will be updating our information sheets to comply with this new regulation

Until you receive information from your site researcher, please continue with current documentation until the ethics committee have approved the changes we hope to make.

If you have any comments on the above, please do get in touch.

**UPCOMING STUDY AMENDMENT**

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries:

**DON’T FORGET TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS ... BIG or SMALL**

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