Thank you to all our case study site teams for your continued hard work in helping us make the study a success. We cannot complete this important study without your contributions.

**RECRUITMENT .... SO FAR**

We have surpassed the 100 mark! We now have 108 patient/carer pairs taking part in the study (up to 30 June 2018). Please keep up the good work!

We still have plenty of time to recruit as many patient/carer pairs as possible. Recruitment continues until 31st March 2019.

We are here and 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 if you need anything.

**CASE STUDY SITES**

**New sites joining the study.**

To support recruitment to the study in services that provide 24 hour care (quadrants 1 and 2 in the diagram above), we will be welcoming 2 new sites to the study over the next couple of months.

We very much look forward to expanding the team helping with patient/care recruitment on the ground and hope the additions will bring additional findings to the study and help us achieve our overall recruitment target by March 2019.
We have now received ethical approval for our recent study amendment (Substantial amendment 2). Amendment documents will be sent to Principal Investigators at each site and copies put in the site files by your dedicated researcher.

There is a new study protocol which we ask everyone involved in the study at our recruiting sites to be aware of as we have made some minor clarifications to help with the running of the study. This amendment will not affect the way the study is run at our recruiting sites but changes the way the research team are collecting data from carers post-bereavement to try and collect as much data as possible.

The changes to the way the research team collect information post-bereavement are:
- We are giving carers the option to do the Quality of Death and Dying (QODD) questionnaire earlier.
- We have introduced new ways to complete the QODD questionnaire including by post and online.
- We will be interviewing service providers and commissioners early next year to see how services change.

If you have any comments or questions about this amendment, please do get in touch.

Don’t forget to contact us with any questions ... big or small

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