



Recruitment till 31 May 2011

29/80**Paramedic Stations**

Beechdale	11
Hucknall	6
Wilford	3
Edwinstowe	3
Stapleford	2
Carlton	1
West Bridgford	1
Eastwood	1
Newark	1

Paramedics Recruitment

Ian Cross	5
Tony Chadbourne	3
Carl Keeble	3
Kay Gallimore	3
Michael Fuller	2
Derek Claxton	2
Trevor Robinson	1
Andrew Shadbolt	1
Rebecca Owen	1
Amanda West	1
Angela Gotheridge	1
Christopher Allum	1
Gary Allen	1
Mark Bushell	1
Richard Goddard	1
Sam Hughes	1
Samantha Winter	1

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Qualitative Research Sub-study



Key aspects of the feasibility of running pre-hospital ambulance based stroke trials may become apparent only if we explore the experiences and challenges faced by the paramedics who recruited or attempted to recruit to the study. Such challenges might include uncertainty in the diagnostic process, operational practicalities such as delay in the journey to the hospital, difficulties in discussing the trial with distressed patients and their relatives obtaining consent and with patients who have impaired speech and comprehension.

The RIGHT qualitative sub-study aims to explore such issues, in order to improve the design of future ambulance based stroke trials in the country.

We are looking to recruit 15 paramedics from the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust participating in the main study. Paramedics, who have attempted to randomise at least one patient, will be eligible for the study. The study includes an hour long recorded interview with the trial medic.

Interested paramedics are advised to contact Dr Sandeep Ankolekar- 0115 8231769 or Mr Michael Fuller, EMAS Research Champion.

Informed consent from patients/relatives

Informed consent from a patient (or from their relative) after an acute stroke can be quite challenging. It is nevertheless the most important part of the study and no study related procedures such as application of the GTN or gauze dressing should be carried out prior to an informed written consent is obtained from the patient/relative when present.

Training for RIGHT

Please contact Dr Sandeep Ankolekar or Mr Michael Fuller if you need any training for the RIGHT trial. We are also looking for more paramedics who may be interested in taking part in the study. Please ask your friends/colleagues to contact us.

