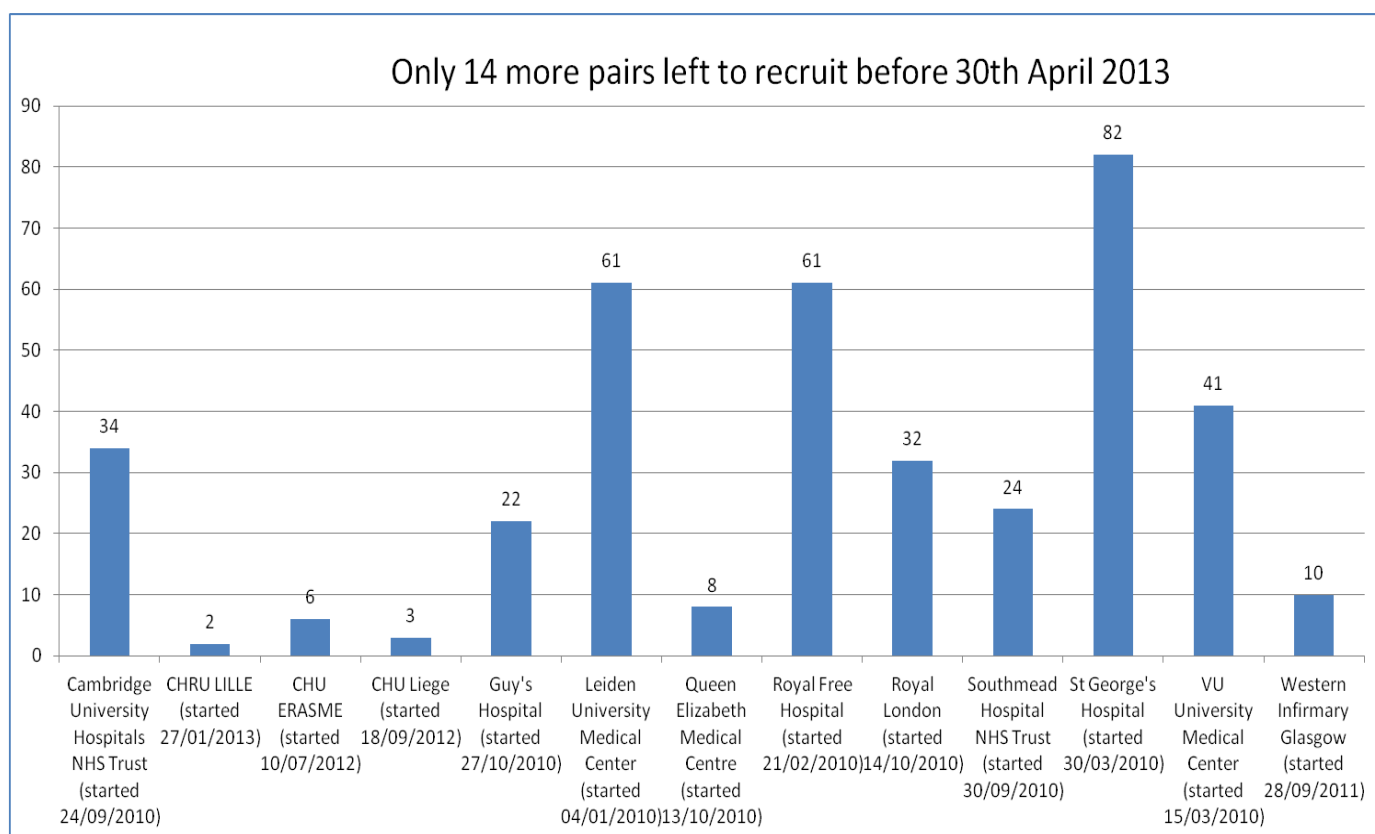


REPAIR Trial Newsletter



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Recruitment update



The final countdown is now beginning. Only 14 more pairs required to finish the trial. February has been a very quiet month with 6 pairs recruited so we need your support for the final 2 months. As we understand 3C has now finished so we hope that more patients might be referred to REPAIR over the next 8 weeks.

Recruitment will continue until 30th April even if we have recruited 400 pairs before then, so please continue to approach patients who are scheduled to have their surgery before the end of April. At this crucial stage every pair really does count and it would be fantastic if all centres could prioritise REPAIR throughout March and April.

Primary outcome

Don't forget that the iohexol samples are required for the 1 year primary outcome. Therefore it is very important that patients are aware of this at the time of consent and reminded regularly from discharge until it is time for the 1 year follow up. This way they are less likely to refuse to come in for the test. Please do not forget to send out the reminder letter to the patients, a few months before they are due to come in. This will ensure they are aware that the appointment will take around 4 hours. Remind them also that we will cover the costs of lunch for them and a companion.