

Bringing Non-Supported Studies in from the Cold

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Two years ago, we noticed as part of our ongoing BI Report performance review, that the majority of failing studies with no recruits, not recruiting to time and target, and poor internal audit findings, were non-supported. We wanted all studies to be successful within our organisation and looked at strategies to improve this situation.

We identified that non-supported studies often had no research clinical oversight during set up, and that staff running the studies only turned to the research delivery team when there were issues.



What we did

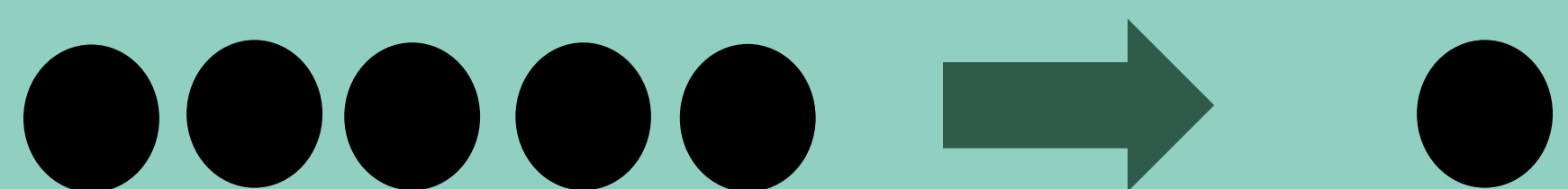
An experienced research nurse now supports these studies from set up, recruitment, and through to close out. This can be with feasibility, target setting, signposting to get Portfolio status, putting recruitment pack and documentation in place, ensuring recruitment data is up to date, and study close out.

Improvements seen in studies previously classed as non-supported (non-commercial)

2021-2022 2022-2023
Non-recruiting Studies



Closed failing to reach target



ABUHB overall studies closed reaching target

67% 82%

Feasibility

- Full feasibility by experienced research nurse
- Localisation of documents
- Checklist & annotation development
- Standard Operation Procedures in place

Recruitment

- Recruitment checklists
- Attending 1st recruit
- Problem solving
- Data entry
- Ongoing metric reviews
- Signposting
- REDA inputting
- Amendment support

- REDA & BI report check
- Study close out check list
- ISF final checks
- Archiving

Close Out

Conclusion

All studies now have some degree of delivery support and we have demonstrated how important this is. We are now aware of the status of every research study within the Health Board. Our BI Report statistics have improved, and all Principal Investigators feel fully supported.

We look forward to continuing this model, to enable research to be embedded within standard of care in Aneurin Bevan UHB.