



## General Practitioners in the Emergency Department (GPED): Efficient Models of Care

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Welcome to the third edition of the GPED study's newsletter. The study is progressing well and we hope this newsletter provides a useful update.

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### Message from the Chief Investigator, Professor Jonathan Benger, UWE Bristol



Incredibly, we are now more than halfway through the GPED study. Engagement with our ten case study sites has been outstanding, and we have collected a wealth of quantitative and qualitative data. This is already being used in a mixed methods analysis, alongside our initial interview work and comprehensive database describing the characteristics and model of GPED in every major A&E Department in England.

The emerging findings are highly interesting and relevant, but also complex and context-specific. We have a huge task on our hands to pull all of this together into our final report and a series of published papers.

We are pleased to have forged some really strong links with colleagues who are working on a similar study under the leadership of Professor Adrian Edwards at Cardiff University; look out for a paper on GPED taxonomy soon!

My heartfelt thanks go to everybody involved in and supporting this study; we simply couldn't do the work without you.

## Recruitment update

Telephone interviews: **80**

Patient and carer recruitment: **88**

Staff recruitment: **109**

Workforce surveys: **311**

## Study update

We are now in the third year of the GPED study and progress has been good. Our qualitative team have collected case study data at 10 sites nationally. We continue to collect follow-up data and our quantitative work is progressing well.

## GPs in Emergency Departments (GPED) Study: Interim dissemination for commissioners

The **GPED study** will help us to understand the impact of GPs working in or alongside A&E, and the best way of providing this model of care. During this mixed-methods study we are investigating:

- The impact of GPs working in or alongside the ED (GPED) on patient care, the primary care and acute hospital team and the wider urgent care system.
- The differential impact of alternative service models of GPED.

Recruitment got off to a flying start with over 600 pieces of data gathered so far. A collaborative team effort has seen data collected from senior NHS policy and decision makers, frontline ED staff and patients and carers across the UK.

The **GPED Study** hosted an interim Dissemination Event in Bristol during November, to provide a platform for a wide variety of stakeholders to come together and discuss study

progress. There were more than fifty delegates including commissioners, GPs, researchers and public members who packed the venue to form an eager audience. The event not only covered study progress but provided an opportunity for those at the front line to get together and thrash out some of the current hot topics in the delivery of urgent care. There was real enthusiasm about the opportunity for group discussion and the team received excellent feedback on the event.

The GPED Study team are working hard as recruitment continues.

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