



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

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Welcome to the first edition of the GPED study's newsletter. The study has been funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), in the Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme.

The study is hosted by the Avon Primary Care Research Collaborative (APCRC) and based at the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol).

GPED is a collaboration between research teams at UWE Bristol, Newcastle University, University of York and University of Bristol.

Many thanks to these organisations and all of our NHS partners for supporting the launch of the study.

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



“Demand for urgent care continues to rise right across the system, and this winter has seen record numbers of patients attending A&E departments, sometimes experiencing long waits and crowded conditions.

Ensuring that GPs are available to see appropriate patients, either within or alongside A&E Departments, has been proposed as a way of reducing pressure and better managing this demand.

In Spring 2017, the government announced a capital investment of £100 million to support GP streaming, which has now become commonplace in England. The GPED study will help us to understand the impact of GPs working in or alongside A&E, and also the best way of providing this model of care.”

## Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)

We are lucky to be supported by an engaged and enthusiastic PPI group. The group have provided feedback on study documents and the recruitment process for carers and patients. We have scheduled a data analysis meeting for April, where the team will provide feedback on initial findings.

## Recruitment update

Telephone Interviews: **49**

Staff Recruitment: **137**

Patient and Carer Recruitment: **62**

Workforce Surveys: **189**

## Study update

The aim of the study is to evaluate 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 team has secured ethics and research and development approval, and is now actively recruiting to the study and collecting data. To date, baseline data collection has been carried out at five Emergency Department case-study sites across England, and the team are planning to recruit a further five sites during Spring and Summer 2018.

In the meantime the team at the University of York have been trialling their analysis processes, and assessing the quality of routine A&E HES data. The Newcastle and UWE Bristol teams are collaborating to compile a detailed database including timelines of the provision of GP models of care at all ED sites in England. This will be a useful resource for quantitative analysis.

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