



Cluster 3 -“Solutions found & we need your help!”

18th November 2010
E&H CLRN Staff Meeting

Success so far...

- Top performing Cluster based on activity:-
 - 3091 accruals (55% of total)
 - 165 studies (46% of total)
- Top recruiting acute Trusts (29% ENHT, 10% WHHT)
- Best performance to target for an acute Trust (173% PAH)
- Best performance to target for a PCT (170% NHS WE)
- Top commercial study recruiter (236 patients)
- Research Passport Scheme: most applications (165), quickest turnaround (8 days)
- NHS West Essex: 60% of GP practices keen to support portfolio research (40% currently active). Access to 76% of population
- NHS Hertfordshire: 48% of GP practices able to support portfolio research. Access to ~65% of population

Musculoskeletal Research at PAH

- Historically strong backbone in oncology research
- Developing research culture in a hitherto research naïve department.
- To use department as an exemplar to rest of hospital to broaden engagement & showcase support
- Support of LSG lead and enthusiasm of local consultants
- TACIT Trial (non-commercial), CLRN Research Nurse
- Go-More (commercial) CLRN Site-Coordinator & Generic Nurse.
- Complex trials. Benefit from learning from colleagues in Southend
- Engagement of service support departments, regular team meetings and study action plan. Fostering a 'can-do' attitude & partnership
- Quick approvals and agreement of costing and contracts.
- Patients keen to be involved in studies gaining quick access to latest medicines (anti-TNFs).

Where we need your help!...

- **How can we help NHS Hertfordshire to increase current patient recruitment numbers?**
- Brilliant 2009/10 1145 patients (~50% swine flu)
- On target to see 670 patients at year end (50% of 1374 target)
- 20% up on patient recruitment at this point last year
- Have extensive GP network already engaged (14 LES practices)
- Currently:-
 - Paucity of studies in pipeline
 - Low recruitment numbers
 - Seem to be within approval process for a long time
 - Involvement in PIC work (valuable work but does not benefit Trust activity)