

# SWiFT Newsletter

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## Dear SWiFT Colleagues

We are very excited to share our second Newsletter with you!

As well as providing you with a brief trial & recruitment update, we have included new sections which, we hope, will make for an interesting & helpful Newsletter! Look out for our new "Query Corner" and our "Meet the Team" section.

Happy reading from the *SWiFT Team!*

## Trial Updates & Recruitment

As of 6th September 2023, you have recruited 206 patients to the trial. Well done teams!

Since our last newsletter, we have opened & trained more sites - a big welcome to:

- Addenbrooke's Hospital
- Aintree University Hospital
- Dorset County Hospital
- DSAA
- EHAAT
- GNAAS
- James Cook University Hospital
- Manchester Royal Infirmary & Royal Manchester Children's
- NWAA
- Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow
- Royal Preston Hospital
- Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle
- Salford Royal Hospital
- Southmead Hospital Bristol

We are looking forward to welcoming our remaining sites to the trial over the coming weeks!



Jo and Viona visited the team at East Surrey for their SIV - we can't wait to have you on board in September!



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Study of Whole blood  
in Frontline Trauma



The team from DSAA recruited their first patient for SWiFT shortly after opening. Amazing work!

A special mention to the team at GNAAS who recruited 10 patients in just one month – well done team!



The infamous SWiFT mug enjoying a trip to LAA's helipad. Thank you Charlotte Lindsay for this great picture!

EHAAT packed and ready to recruit participants for SWiFT



## Query Corner

**What happens to the data entry if a participant is transferred to a different hospital?**



For every patient transfer, please contact the SWiFT trial team and include:

- the participant's randomisation number
- name of the hospital the participant has been transferred to
- date of transfer.

If the participant has been transferred to another participating site:

- We will provide the new site's team contact details and you will need to contact them to aid in identifying the participant (do not copy the SWiFT trial team into any correspondence containing PID).
- Ensure all your data entry is complete up until date of transfer and there are no outstanding queries for the participant.
- The participant record will be transferred to the new site in OpenClinica and you will not be able to see the record anymore at your site level.

For participants transferred to non-participating sites, the SWiFT trial team will advise on a case-by-case basis.



## Query Corner



One of the SWiFT trial box labels (= R Numbers) has been used twice - what should we do ?

Action: Inform the CTU trial team as soon as possible (include R number, key dates and products transfused). Transfusion labs: Please ensure the used R number label is marked as used / crossed through and taken out of circulation.

Prevention:

- HEMS: Strike through label on box once a trial box has been opened (regardless of whether products used or not).
- TF labs: use a checklist to ensure used R numbers are removed from circulation.

## Implementation Study: Your help needed on the 11th Sep 2023!

Our team is excited to begin the implementation study as part of the SWiFT trial. A series of process mapping focus groups and interviews will be carried out with healthcare professionals involved across all stages of the WB pathway as well as patients and blood donor representatives.

The process mapping focus group will allow us to gain an in-depth understanding of consolidating the "As-is" and "To-be" process maps and explore any adaptations needed across sites.

The interviews will be held with operational staff from the WB pathway and will enable us to understand their perspectives regarding the acceptability and the impact the intervention has on the current system and practices in which they work.

We are looking forward to commencing this series of activities and would like to invite and encourage you to join them.

### Important Dates:

- **Process mapping Workshop 1 (online): 11th September 2023 4-6pm**, focusing on hospital labs, Air Ambulances, and Emergency Vehicles. **We are still looking for more participants for this workshop, especially transfusion lab and Air Ambulance staff**
- **Interviews (online):** Commencing September 2023.

If you want to be involved or have questions, get in touch with Allison Williams at [allison.williams21@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:allison.williams21@imperial.ac.uk) or our lead researcher, Grazia Antonacci at [g.antonacci@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:g.antonacci@imperial.ac.uk)

## Data Management: Tips

We have asked Nikki from our Data Management Team for her top tips how sites can help reduce the amount of queries they receive from our DM Team. Here are Nikki's top 3 tips for sites to reduce the numbers of queries they receive:



- Please do not raise queries in OpenClinica. If any additional information is required, or any questions you would like to ask about the data, please add as annotations only.
- Please do not leave any data fields blank. If a question can't be answered, or the information is unknown, please leave an annotation. Otherwise you will receive unnecessary data queries.
- If you respond to a query with the updated information, please update the data field as well. Data Management are not allowed to update data as part of EDC trials.

## Associate PI scheme

Since advertising the Associate PI scheme in our last newsletter, we are delighted that 4 Associate PIs have joined SWiFT to date: Joseph Godfrey (MRI & MCH), Charlotte Lindsay (RLH), Michael Eddie (DSAA) & Jessica Birchall (Royal Preston). You will be finding out a bit more about them in our newsletters!

If your site would like to get involved, further details about the scheme and information how to register to be an associate PI can be found on the NIHR's Associate PI Scheme website: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/health-and-care-professionals/career-development/associate-principal-investigator-scheme.htm>

Please let the SWiFT Team know if you have any questions.

## Meet the Team: SWiFT Associate PIs



*My name is Joey Godfrey, I'm one of the EM and Major Trauma Consultants at Manchester Royal Infirmary and I am looking forward to taking on the API role for SWiFT. Having been the Education Lead in our Department for several years which included a weekly Journal Club, I have always had an interest in Research and am now glad to have some time to get more involved in a study that covers many areas directly relevant to my practice. I have been looking forward to SWiFT since the publication of RePHILL and am excited to be working with the team pushing the frontiers of how we best deliver trauma care to patients.*

*In my spare time I enjoy watching and playing football, and finding the balance between my loves of food and running.*

*Look forward to meeting the rest of the team and hopefully recruiting lots of patients.*

Dr Joseph Godfrey  
EM Consultant and Clinical Lead for Flow and Integration  
Manchester Royal and Royal Manchester Children's  
Hospital

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## Meet the Team continued: SWiFT Associate PIs



*Hello I am Jess Birchall; a dual Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care Trainee at Preston, a Major Trauma Centre in the North West. I chose the associate PI scheme as I had little experience in a research setting but I was keen on developing my knowledge and skills whilst simultaneously being a part of a larger scale trial. Being particularly interested in trauma I am really excited to be involved in the SWiFT trial and see how this may impact the care we give our patients.*

*When I am not at work I can be found hiking or spending time with my young family*

Dr Jessica Birchall  
Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care Trainee  
Royal Preston Hospital



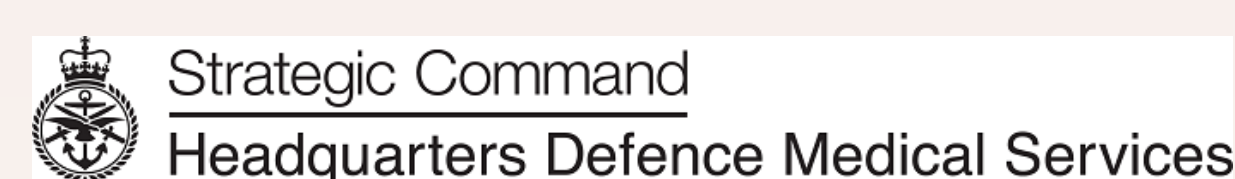
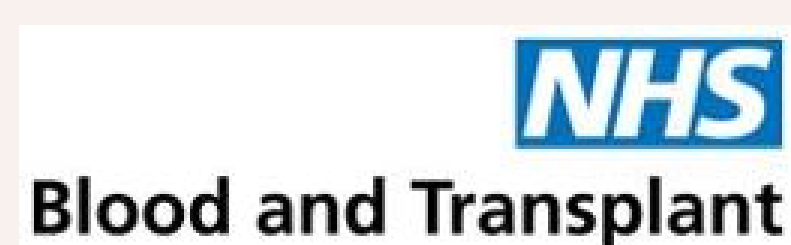
*I'm an Emergency Medicine Registrar and Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Trauma Sciences at the Queen Mary University of London. I have been the Associate PI for the SWiFT study at the Royal London Hospital since June.*

*In my work as a research fellow I have been involved in recruiting to clinical trials but joining the associate PI scheme has allowed me to take a step up and be more involved with the delivery of the SWiFT trial. The skills I'm developing are transferable to my clinical training and cover some of the more difficult to evidence parts of the Emergency Medicine curriculum.*

*I enjoy clinical research and I think it's a real privilege to be involved with research which helps improve the clinical care and outcomes for major trauma patients.*

Dr Charlotte Lindsay  
Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Trauma Sciences at QMUL  
and Emergency Medicine Registrar at James Paget University Hospital




## Thank you to our funders

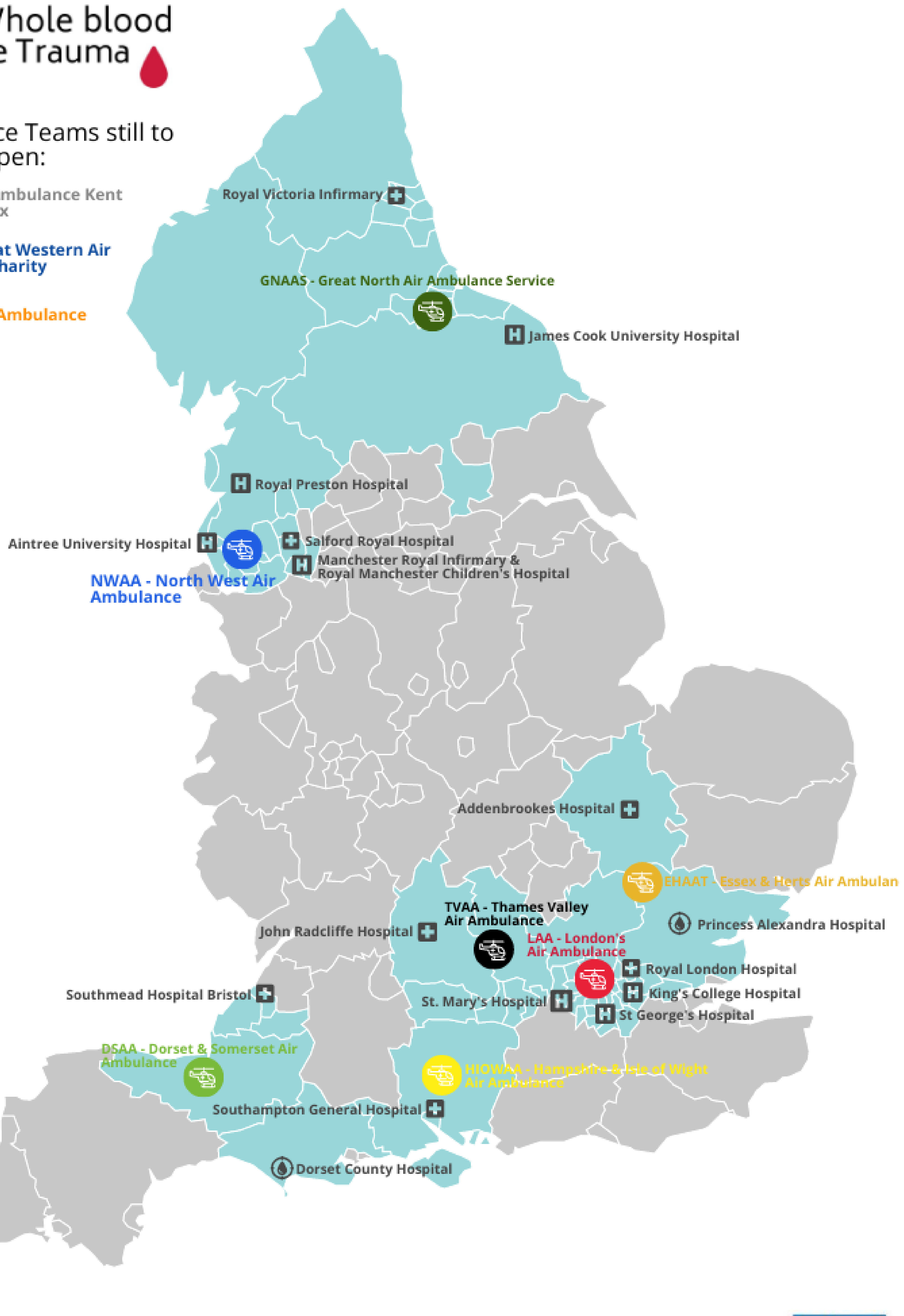




## SWiFT Participating Sites Map

Air Ambulance Teams still to open:

-  **AAKSS - Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex**
-  **GWAAC - Great Western Air Ambulance Charity**
-  **MAGPAS Air Ambulance**



 Transfusion Lab (TF)  Receiving Hospital (RH)  Combined TF & RH Site as of 06 Sep 2023

**Blood and Transplant**

