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Our recruitment deadline is the end of August 2018. We are determined to meet this: we need just 14 more participants to meet our final target ©

We are very grateful for the continued support of our NHS colleagues. Please help us to achieve this final push: thank you!!

SUPERB Trial Management:

The SUPERB Data Management Committee (DMC) will meet on 13th September 2018, when data collection is complete.

This committee approves the data management plan, monitors adverse events, and monitors trial progress in relation to safety and ethical issues, including recruitment, uptake of the intervention and withdrawal from the trial.

In preparation for the meeting, our statisticians will write an open report for the members of the DMC, which will also be reviewed by our Trial Steering Committee (TSC). The DMC is scheduled to meet three more times during the course of the trial.

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Milestones achieved since March:

Our **recruitment drive** continues to gather pace. We have now recruited **46 participants** – over 75% of our target!

A further two hospitals have joined the SUPERB study: a warm welcome to **St Pancras Hospital** and **Barnet Hospital**. We have also begun working with a number of **GP practices** in **Barnet, Camden, Islington, Tower Hamlets** and **Hackney**.

We will be presenting two posters about our work at the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation (WFNR) Special Interest Group



conference in Prague, Czech Republic in July 2018. The WFNR is a multidisciplinary organisation open to any professional with an interest in neurological rehabilitation. The titles of our presentations are:

- 1. Adjustment post-stroke and aphasia: protocol for the SUpporting well-being through PEeR-Befriending (SUPERB trial)
- 2. Blinding participants and assessors in a feasibility randomised controlled trial of peer befriending for people with aphasia post-stroke

We will also be presenting the second poster at the **International Aphasia Rehabilitation (IARC)** conference in Aveiro, Portugal in September 2018, besides a further presentation entitled:



SUpporting wellbeing through PEeR-Befriending (SUPERB) trial: An exploration of fidelity in peer-befriending for people with aphasia.

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Meet the SUPERB team:

Prof Katerina Hilari is leading the study



Our other researchers are:



Dr Becky Moss



Dr Nick Behn is the main researcher



Katie Monelly

Alex Scott is our administrator



Dr Abi Roper



