

The Somerset Research Collaboration

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Who we are.

- ▶ Yeovil District Hospital Foundation Trust
- ▶ Taunton and Somerset Foundation Trust
- ▶ Somerset Partnership Foundation Trust

*Somerset Partnership, Taunton and Somerset and Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts
working together to increase clinical research in Somerset*

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Introduction

- ▶ History of sporadic collaboration for individual research studies across the region
- ▶ PD COMM – TST and Sompar
- ▶ Radiotherapy studies – YDH and TST as shared clinical service



Drivers for change

- ▶ Changing patient pathway across Somerset – STP, commissioning of services
- ▶ CRN SWP HLO 1,6 and 7 objective
- ▶ Pipeline of dementia studies
- ▶ Each site realising that we could not do studies individually as pathways cross multiple organisations
- ▶ Collaborative Agreement across all sites was signed

Type of studies

- ▶ Dementia pipeline not materialised
- ▶ Looked at other specialties which shared services

Stroke

Parkinson's Disease

Neurology

Diabetes

Cardiology

Cancer

Rehabilitation

Brain injury

Multiple Sclerosis

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Staffing and Resources

- ▶ Initially Band 4 Assistant psychologist post 1.0 WTE
- ▶ Rater experienced
- ▶ CRNSWP supported
- ▶ A review of resources across the region was performed and use of the pharmacy and a minus 80Freezer and labs were identified as a priority for Sompar to be able to support new studies.

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Communication – the key

- ▶ Initially lots of face to face meetings consisting of senior staff
- ▶ Decision makers from each organisation in the room
- ▶ CRNSWP support from Division 4 RDM
- ▶ Currently working 2 weekly teleconference for delivery staff and trouble shooting
- ▶ Face to face monthly meetings for senior leaders



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Challenges

- ▶ IT !!
- ▶ Demonstrate recruitment – EDGE
- ▶ Identifying the lead site for ODP
- ▶ No studies in the pipeline so other non collaborative studies identified
- ▶ 3 different emails so identifying main account and signposting others
- ▶ Honorary contracts /letters of access
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Band 4 role - Inexperienced
 - No authority to influence
 - Learning research in 3 organisations not just 1.

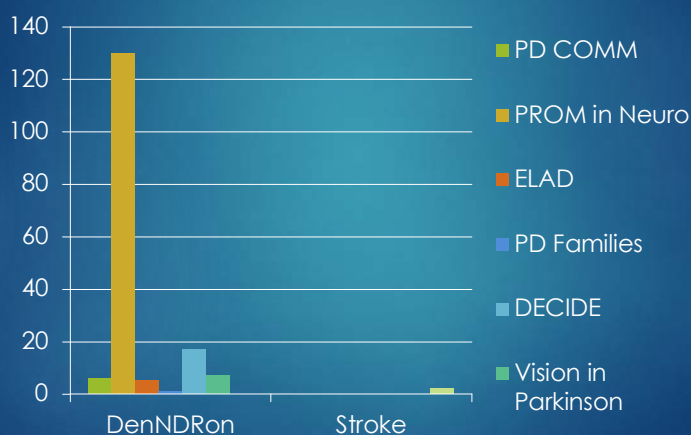
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How we overcame them

- ▶ Organic SOP
- ▶ Sought advice from other collaborative organisations
- ▶ Only looking at dementia was limited
- ▶ Shared Drive hosted by Sompar
- ▶ Shared outlook calendars
- ▶ 3 different emails for Edge
- ▶ Hon contracts /letters of access
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Revaluated job roles - Band 6 1.0 WTE and Band 4 CTSO 0.5WTE

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Collaborative recruitment 17/18 155 patients



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Predicted recruitment 18/19

► 234 patients

Open and Planned Collaborative studies	Potential targets for 18/19						TOTAL
Ageing	RETAKE - 24						24
Cardiovascular	Vascularium - 20						20
DeNDRon	PD Comm - 6	PD Pain - 4	PD Comm - 6	Vision in Parkinson - 30	ELAD - 1	IDEAL 2 - 20	67
Musculoskeletal	HERO - 45						45
Neurology	MS Registrar - 20						20
Stroke	DNA Larcunar 2 (TST & SOMPAR) - 8	R4VaD - 50					58
							234

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Number of Principal Investigators across the Collaboration

Trust	Non medic PI	Medical PI	Total
Sompar	28	14	42
Yeovil	59	6	65
Musgrove	8	96	104
Total across 3 Trusts			211

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Opportunities

- ▶ Electronic site files
- ▶ Collaborative SOP's
- ▶ Ahead of the curve when STP footprint changes
- ▶ Mutual support of colleagues
- ▶ Established research staff
- ▶ Increase recruitment across the whole of Somerset
- ▶ Sharing best practice

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The Future

- ▶ Increase activity into research naïve areas
- ▶ Increase profile of research across Somerset
- ▶ Shared funding?
- ▶ Add GP practices and hospices to collaboration

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Thank you for listening – any questions?

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