

Happy New Year!

It's time for the final push for recruitment...

Dear Sunflower colleagues,

Happy New Year! Having started patient recruitment in 2018, persevering through a global pandemic and being granted an NIHR extension in August 2023, we are now approaching the final stages of *The Sunflower Study's* patient recruitment phase. We have 1000 patients left to recruit to reach our target of 7500 - if every site is able to recruit 5 patients a month, we will hit that target by May 2024!

Trainees are fundamental to *The Sunflower Study's* success and with one final push for patient recruitment, we have the opportunity to contribute to a study that will provide evidence to inform policy and yield real benefits to future gallbladder removal surgery patients in the UK and throughout the world.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts and remember the *Trainee Executive Group / Regional Representatives* are on hand for any queries related to the study. *Happy recruiting!*

The Sunflower TEG

NEW RECRUITMENT SITES

There are currently 49 sites actively recruiting for *The Sunflower Study*. Over the past few months, we have had fantastic additions with Hull, Stoke and Ipswich. All of these sites have hit the ground running with remarkable achievements in recruitment! The excitement doesn't stop there, as we prepare to welcome Telford and Shrewsbury very soon!



Introducing Ipswich's API -
George Karagiannidis

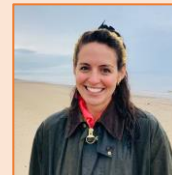
'We are excited to start recruitment at Ipswich. We are supported by an excellent team of research nurses, ACPs and doctors. The key to successful recruitment is TEAM WORK!'

TOP TRAINEE RECRUITERS

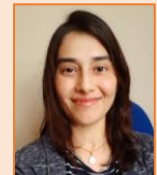
The Sunflower Study boasts the largest number of APIs of any UK study, with 155 trainees registered with the API scheme since 2018. These are our *TOP Trainee Recruiters*, who have collectively recruited an incredible 111 patients!



Ahmed Elmaradny
Worcester



Lucy Huppler
Gloucester



Shantata Kudchadkar
Nottingham

TOP RECRUITMENT SITES

Our top recruiters over the last 4 months:

1. Leeds
2. Nottingham
3. Stockton + Worcester



Congratulations to all the teams and keep up the great work!

Trainees' Resources

The *trainee section* on *The Sunflower Study* website has lots of valuable information for sites to utilise. These include the *TEG's Top Recruitment Tips* and our *Junior Doctor Induction PowerPoint presentation*.

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