



# LoTS care

## Evaluation of a new stroke outcome measure LUNS (Longer-term Unmet Needs after Stroke)

### Unmet needs after stroke study



## Newsletter Issue 1

Welcome to the first LUNS newsletter—to keep everyone informed of our progress.

### Overview



The LUNS study is testing a new patient-centred tool to measure longer-term unmet needs after stroke.

Phase 1 recruited stroke patients who are cognitively intact, able to read and understand English, and provide written informed consent. An assessment pack containing the LUNS, and other standardised measures was posted to the patients either 3 or 6 months post-stroke. A second assessment pack was then posted soon after completion of the first. Phase 2 will follow the same procedures, but will represent a wider stroke population by including patients who have cognitive impairment and/or cannot read and understand English but have a carer who can read and speak English.

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### Update



**Psychometric properties of the LUNS are currently being assessed.**



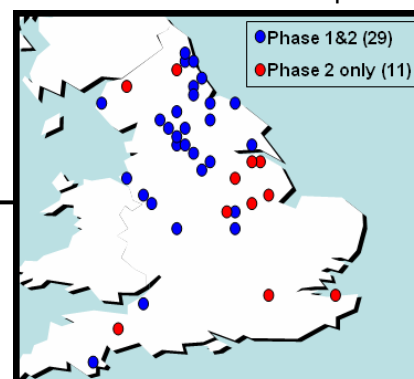
Proceeding to phase 2 of the LUNS study depends on the findings of this phase 1 analysis. Once reviewed, we will be in touch to let you know if phase 2 is going ahead. If so, recruitment is planned to start in January 2010. Prior to this we will meet with researchers to run through paperwork and procedures. We are currently arranging this at Local Stroke Research Network meetings for December/January.

### Thank you!



**Thank you** to all researchers, SRN staff and everyone else who helped throughout phase 1 of the study. We are really delighted with the high recruitment rates.

We're especially grateful for those of you who responded to (and persevered with!) the data queries, particularly as these came much later after the patients had been registered – making the answers difficult to find. Thank you for your patience in dealing with these. In future, we will make this easier by sending queries near the time of registering the patient.



### Welcome to new sites

We have 11 new sites added to the study for phase 2, and welcome you all to the LUNS!

