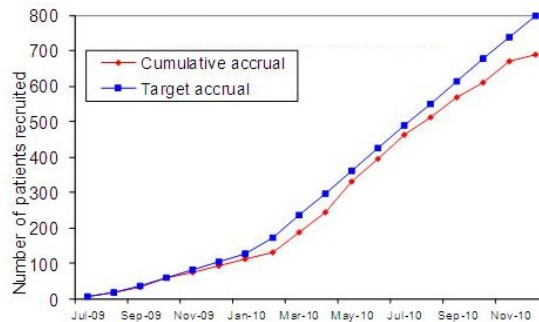




Recruitment final push

We are pleased that 688 patients have now been recruited to the LoTS care trial. This means there are 112 patients remaining to reach our recruitment target of 800 patients. **Thank you** for all your hard work and support.

We are unfortunately behind target as we hoped to reach 800 patients by the end of 2010. We would be extremely grateful if everyone could help us with the final push to help us reach our recruitment target.



We will be extending recruitment until the end of March 2011 to enable us to reach our recruitment target. We would however be delighted to reach the target as soon as possible and thank you all for your support.

- ★ There will be a **prize** for whoever recruits patient number 700
- ★ There will be a **prize** for **everyone** who recruits 6 or more patients in the next six weeks (starting from 22/12/10).

Recruitment upper limit

Following a review of recruitment the trial team decided to set an upper recruitment limit of 45 patients per service to help us obtain relatively even recruitment across the trial. As a cluster randomised trial we need to try and recruit an even number of participants from intervention and control sites. In addition, we would ideally like to include patients from different health care settings and populations to see whether the LoTS care intervention works across different areas of the UK.

Congratulations to the following services who have all recruited 45 patients to the LoTS care trial, an amazing achievement!

- ★ **Walsall** — Walsall Manor Hospital
- ★ **Cornwall** — Royal Cornwall Hospital, Derriford Hospital and Mount Gould Hospital
- ★ **Lyndhurst** — Lymington Hospital, Southampton General Hospital, Royal Bournemouth Hospital and Christchurch Hospital.



The LoTS care trial team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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Recruitment Total = 688

Congratulations to **Sharon Dealing** in **Whiston Hospital** who recruited the 650th patient to LoTS care.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach 688 patients.

We would like to reach 700 patients by 07/01/11 — please keep up the good work!