

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS BIOLOGIC INTERVENTIONS REGISTER



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Welcome to the latest edition of the British Association of Dermatology Biologics Interventions Register (BADBIR) newsletter.

We aim to inform you of the latest developments within the BADBIR study, provide you with information about the study and the staff involved, and to answer any questions or queries you may have.

In this issue, we will show you how many centres are recruiting patients to the register. We are in the process of recruiting centres throughout the UK and Ireland with approved centres in all the mainland UK countries. We aim to recruit 4,000 patients for each biologic therapy, as well as 4,000 patients on standard systemic therapy. The data from these participants will allow us to compare the rates of serious adverse events from our participants receiving biologic treatments.

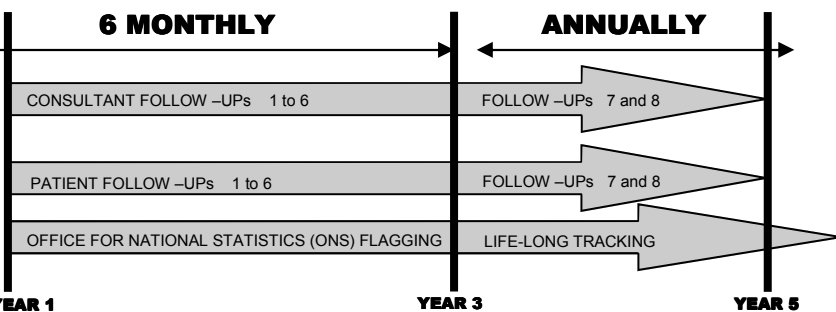
Our research would not be possible without the help of dermatology teams taking the time to recruit patients and inform us of adverse events. We would like to thank you all for your effort and hard work

It's not only patients receiving biologics that can join the project...

Our comparison cohort monitors patients on systemic conventional psoriasis therapies (e.g. PUVA, methotrexate, acitretin etc.). We are eager for conventional patients to be recruited — they can be registered within 6 months of them starting any new therapy, even if they have received conventional treatments previously. However, they must never have received biologic therapy.

The payment for registering and following up patients is also the same as registering Biologic patients.

All patients are followed up in the same way: via the dermatology team 8 times, initially every 6 months for the first 3 years and annually up to year 5. Patients will also be followed with their own questionnaires at the same points as the consultant follow-ups:



Funding...

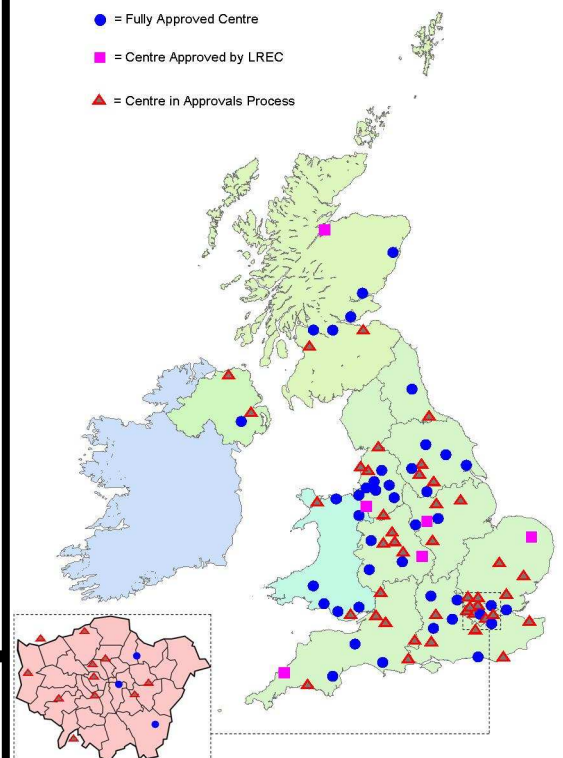
Funding is available for the registration, follow-up and data recording of patients. The amounts are:

£120 per patient registered

£30 per follow up visit (total number of visits is 8)

The funding is intended as fiscal support for the use of nurse and support staff time on the BADBIR activities.

Many dermatology centres are now becoming involved in the Register. Sites are situated in all areas of the U.K. and we are eager to have as many centres as possible involved.



Please visit our website for further information:

www.badbir.org

STAFF NEWS

MEET THE TEAM

Professor Christopher Griffiths



Dr Kathy McElhone



Dr Kath Watson



Mrs Laura Woolfson



Mr Chris Moseley



Mr Ian Evans



Dr Nicki Lawes
BAD Biologics Manager



We would like to welcome Laura Woolfson and Chris Moseley to the team.

Laura Woolfson is the Pharmacovigilance Manager for the Register and joins us from a post at the Healthcare Commission, where she worked as an Assessment Manager. Before this, Laura has worked in Clinical Research in a variety of roles, the most recent of which was as Research Governance Manager at South Manchester University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Chris Moseley has joined the team as a Project Assistant. Prior to working at the BADBIR, Chris's most recent post was at Barnardo's, where he worked as an Administrative Assistant. Chris is studying for a Diploma in Counselling, and is half-way through his training.

We also bid farewell to **Meirion Thomas**, our Database Manager, who has left us for pastures new. We wish him well.

Focus—Lisa Burton, Biologics Nurse, St Lukes Hospital, Bradford

How did you set up the Register?

The set-up of the Register here in Bradford was straight forward, Cathy McElhone came and gave a presentation to us and BADBIR assisted with all the paperwork. The only time the procedure slowed down was waiting for ethical approval, but otherwise, it was not a complex process.

Who are the other members of the team?

The other members of the team are Dr Bauer, Dr Wright and Dr London. They have been responsible for recruiting patients on non-biologic systemic therapies, whilst I mainly recruit the biologic patients.

What's the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is the satisfaction I get from knowing that I can be involved in treatment that helps improve patients dermatological conditions

If you have any general queries about BADBIR or wish to speak with us regarding the approvals application process please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Thank you for taking the time to read

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