

July 08 Newsletter



Developments in Huntington's Disease Services

With the development of the Euro HD Registry by the European Huntington's disease network which is a database for all HD patients throughout Europe collating information about their genetic status, medical history, lifestyle and disease progression. South Coast DeNDRoN set up a meeting on 3rd April for a presentation by Jenny Naji the UK Euro HD trial coordinator and invited local clinicians and specialist nurses to attend.

Due to the success of this meeting and three sites showing interest in taking part it has been decided that an HD Forum will be set up by South Coast DeNDRoN to take place twice a year. This will give clinicians with an active interest in HD a chance to update their knowledge on current trials and gain local contacts who have the same neurodegenerative interests.

The first HD Forum will take place at the Hampshire Rose Bowl on 3rd October. This will be an all day event with lunch provided overlooking the cricket pavilion.

If you are interested in attending or would like more details about this meeting please contact Liz James on the telephone number or email address below.

More information about the Euro HD database can be found on the European Huntington's disease network website www.euro-hd.net

South Coast Success

Our Research Nurse Angela Hare based at Uckfield Hospital in Sussex was praised in the DeNDRoN Coordinating Centre newsletter last month for her success in recruiting for the Sirocco trial. We would also like to thank her for all her hard work over the last year.

With help from South Coast DeNDRoN Dr Helen Roberts based at Southampton General Hospital and Dr Khaled Amar from Royal Bournemouth Hospital were congratulated for being PD MED's most improved sites in the UK.

We would also like to congratulate Dr Naji Tabet from Uckfield Hospital in Sussex for being made Lead Psychiatrist for Research and Development in Sussex Partnership NHS Trust



Recruitment opportunities within the South Coast DeNDRoN Network

We are currently recruiting for a full time Clinical Trials Officer.

The post holder will work within South Coast DeNDRoN, based at the Moorgreen Hospital site and will provide research support in a variety of settings throughout the Network covering Hampshire, Dorset and Sussex.

If you are interested in applying for this post please visit the NHS jobs website before the post closing date of 25th July for full details and an application form.

In the next few months there will also be a new administrative opportunity which will be based at Moorgreen Hospital so keep a look out for this advert on the NHS jobs website if you are interested in joining our expanding team.

Adoption Panel

The DeNDRoN adoption process has been opened up to include a couple of senior research nurses to assist in giving opinions on the feasibility of industry studies, i.e. whether or not the studies will be attractive to patients and which criteria may make recruitment difficult.

Our Lead Research Nurse Vanessa Pressly has been invited to participate in this review process for industry Parkinson's disease studies.

Worried About your Memory Roadshow

South Coast DeNDRoN has been asked by Worried About Your Memory (WAYM) to take part in this years Southampton Roadshow.

The roadshow will be visiting West Quay Shopping Centre on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th August. It will offer educational literature about Alzheimer's disease and dementia and practical advice on the support services available to both patients and their carers. Specialist dementia nurses will be available throughout both days for advice and any questions you may have on the subject of Alzheimer's diseases.

We look forward to seeing you at this event next month.