



BASE

FAQs for Recruiting Sites

General

1. What is the recruitment target?

3,764 infants from approximately 45 neonatal units.

2. Where is BASE recruiting?

Neonatal units across the UK. Please see list of recruiting sites on the 'Sites' page.

3. How do I register our interest to take part as a site?

Please email base@npeu.ox.ac.uk if you would like to find out more information about being one of our recruiting sites.

4. Who can be a Principal Investigator (PI)?

A senior neonatal health professional can take overall responsibility for managing the study at their site and ensuring it is conducted according to the trial protocol. For BASE, this can be a doctor, nurse, ANNP (Associate Neonatal Nurse Practitioner) or Allied Health Professional. Please note, there are some tasks which can only be completed by a medically trained doctor, as per the delegation log.

5. What is the difference between a Co-PI and Associate PI?

A Co-PI is someone who will jointly lead the trial at the site and can act as a back-up if the PI is away.

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The Associate PI scheme is a 6 month training opportunity run by the NIHR, providing practical experience for healthcare professionals starting their research career. This is a chance to work on and deliver an NIHR portfolio trial under the mentorship of your local PI. Associate Principal Investigators receive formal recognition of engagement in NIHR Portfolio research studies through the certification of Associate PI status, endorsed by the NIHR and Royal Colleges.

You can find more information on the NIHR website (www.nihr.ac.uk/health-and-care-professionals/career-development/associate-principal-investigator-scheme.htm).

Please email base@npeu.ox.ac.uk if you are interested or would like to find out more information.



7. Who needs to have completed GCP training?

GCP training is essential for the PI and Lead RN.

It is otherwise up to sites to decide who else should be GCP trained within their team. The PI is responsible for overseeing this decision.

8. When should I do GCP refresher training?

GCP training should be completed every 3 years.

9. Is this study a clinical trial of an investigational medicinal product (CTIMP)?

Yes, this trial is a CTIMP. The investigational medicinal product (IMP) is Sodium Bicarbonate.

