



General Practitioners in the Emergency Department (GPED): our study is in its closing stages

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the GPED study's newsletter. The study is now in its closing stages. So far, the project has progressed very smoothly and we hope this newsletter provides a useful update.

[Find out more about GPED](#)

Message from the Chief Investigator, Professor Jonathan Benger, UWE Bristol



We have now completed data collection from all ten of our case study sites, and I am hugely grateful to all the staff and patients who have supported GPED to this point. We have gathered an enormous amount of data through observations, interviews and surveys, alongside routine sources, and are now fully engrossed in the task of data analysis and interpretation, working closely with our patient and public partners who have been invited to examine both quantitative and qualitative data in a truly mixed methods approach that mirrors the main study analysis. Our study database has been updated and improved, and now contains details of the characteristics and model of GPED in every major A&E Department in England.

A research paper describing the taxonomy of current GPED models of care has been published in the *Emergency Medicine Journal* in collaboration with colleagues who are working on a [similar](#)

study under the leadership of Professor Adrian Edwards at Cardiff University. We are now fully committed to the task of data analysis and reporting, and expect to publish our findings during summer 2020.

My heartfelt thanks go to everybody involved in and supporting this study; we simply couldn't do the work without you

Recruitment update

Telephone interviews: **80**

Patient and carer recruitment: **88**

Staff recruitment: **109**

Workforce surveys: **311**

Study update

We are now in the final year of the GPED study and progress has been good. Our qualitative team have collected case study data at 10 sites nationally. We continue to collect follow up data and our quantitative and qualitative work is progressing well.

We continue to refine and improve the detailed database that underpins the GPED study. Our extensive and diverse dataset includes data on emergency department attendance and local deprivation score, GPED model in place, patient survey and telephone interview data.



GPs in EDs Stakeholder Conference

Hosted by the Cardiff-Based Research Team

An excellent and well attended GPED stakeholder conference took place in Bristol on December 3rd. Delegates from UWE, Newcastle, Bristol and Swansea were in attendance with strong support from patient, public, clinical and managerial colleagues from emergency departments, general practice and commissioning organisations.



The event kicked off with a warm welcome from Professor Adrian Edwards (top left). Speakers introduced the GPED taxonomy and findings so far followed by group workshops on patient safety, patient experience and attitudes to GPED. The afternoon session opened with a GPED project summary from UWE's Dr Heather Brant (bottom right).

GPED Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Workshops

A PPI workshop took place in late November, introducing the group to a quantitative data set for review and discussion to develop understanding and support interpretation. Additional workshops are planned for early 2020.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

GPED is a collaboration between research teams at UWE Bristol, Newcastle University, University of York and University of Bristol.



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