

10<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Colleague,

**iNeo: The International Network for Evaluating Outcomes of Very Low Birth Weight and Very Preterm Neonates: Collaborative Comparisons of International Health Services for Quality Improvement in Neonatal Care.**

**NHS Health Research Authority/Cornwall & Plymouth REC Reference 13/SW/0339**

**NHS Research & Development Reference C&W14/001**

I am writing to you in your capacity as UK Neonatal Collaborative lead for your neonatal unit, to invite participation in this international research study, led from the University of Toronto, with collaborators in Australia, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. It is administered from the iNeo Coordinating Centre in the Maternal-Infant Care Research Centre at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

The parameters of iNeo when it was set up was to investigate variations in neonatal outcomes across countries for infants born 2008-2010 at  $\leq 31^{+6}$  weeks gestation or with a birth weight <1500g. iNEO now would like to use data up to 2015 as a starting point for collaborative learning. Outcomes will only be reported aggregated to country (UK) level. No individual neonatal units will be identifiable. Details are provided in the accompanying "Study Summary".

The iNeo study will utilise information held in existing national databases and no patient consent is required. The UK has been invited to contribute data from the National Neonatal Research Database (NNRD) held at the Neonatal Data Analysis Unit. The data in the NNRD are held with the approval of each contributing NHS Trust, the National Research Ethics Service (ref 10/H0803/151), and the Ethics & Confidentiality Committee of the National Information Governance Board (ref ECC-05(f)/2010). The iNeo study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Canada and NHS Health Research Authority/Cornwall & Plymouth REC Reference 13/SW/0339 and Chelsea and Westminster NHS Trust Research and Development office, NHS Research & Development Reference C&W14/001. Additional local NHS Trust R&D approval is not required.

I hope we can contribute good UK input into what is a major international collaboration. Please let me know whether or not you would like data for your neonatal unit to be included, by completing and returning the response below.

With best wishes

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I confirm that data for the following neonatal unit held in the National Neonatal Research Database is to be included:

NAME OF NEONATAL UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE OF NEONATAL UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF UKNC LEAD \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF UKNC LEAD \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by 02/11/15 2015 by fax, post or scanned email to Richard Colquhoun, Neonatal Data Analysis Unit Manager, Room G 4.3, 4th Floor Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, London SW10 9NH

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