

INTRODUCING THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR



Professor Philip Bath is the Chief-Investigator for PROTECT-CH this means that he is the lead researcher for the trial and is responsible for the overall conduct. Philip is supported by Professor Adam Gordon, Co-Chief Investigator and by a large team of people called the trial team. We will introduce you to Adam and different team members over the next couple of months.

Philip is Professor of Stroke Medicine at the University of Nottingham and his main research areas of interest are clinical trials in stroke prevention, treatment and recovery. Through his involvement in stroke trials he has gained experience of conducting trials in care home settings and brings a wealth of knowledge to the PROTECT-CH trial team.

Philip is leading the trial to try and find out which drugs can help to prevent Covid-19 in care homes and to reduce the number and severity of Covid-19 cases in these homes and extends a thank you to all the care homes who have expressed an interest to join the trial so far.

WHO WILL YOUR RESEARCH CHAMPION BE?

We will be asking each care home to choose someone to be their PROTECT-CH Research Champion.

The Care Home Champion will be key to the setting up and running of the trial at her/his Care Home:

- S/he will be the initial point of contact for anything to do with the trial, and provide support to colleagues, residents and their families/friends.
- S/he will help facilitate the identification of residents and their personal legal representative (if the resident lacks capacity to consent for themselves), and liaise with the research nurse to support the consent process.



• Following an outbreak, s/he will be key to ensuring that the Care Home is prepared to start the trial and ensuring that the baseline and follow up data are completed.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



So that your care home can take part in PROTECT-CH we need to speak to your GP(s) as they will be involved in deciding if residents are suitable to take part. If you have not provided us with their contact details, please can you do this as soon as possible.

NEXT STEPS

We have now received approval from the UK medicines regulator and also an independent research ethics committee to run the study. This is a really significant milestone for the study and allows us to continue to progress getting your care home ready to start.



HAVE WE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH YOU?



There are some care homes who submitted an expression of interest that we have not been able to contact.

If you have not heard from us yet please can you contact us using the details below.

Email: protect-trial@nottingham.ac.uk **Tel:** +44 (0) 115 748 7710

LATEST INFORMATION

For the latest information on the trial visit: **www.protect-trial.net**

DROP-IN SESSIONS



The next drop-in session will be held on Thursday 10th June. A reminder email will be sent out a few days before.

These regular drop-in sessions will provide an update on the trial and also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Joining details are available on the trial website.

@ProtectTrialEmail: protect-trial@nottingham.ac.ukTel: +44 (0) 115 748 7710

