

The introduction and evaluation of patient-clinician email communication in Merseyside clinical genetics service

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Scientific

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EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

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N0128162659

Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

Does email communication have a role in the patient-clinician relationship in clinical genetics?
Would patients, who present to the clinical genetics team, use email to communicate with the department?

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Other

Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Email communication in patient-clinician relationship

Interventions

Randomised controlled trial. Intervention group: email address and telephone number. Control group: telephone number only.

Patients will be identified and invited to take part in the study at two separate points in the referral pathway:

1. At the home visit by a genetic counsellor.
2. At the clinic visit by a clinical geneticist and/or Dr Emma McCann.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome measure

Comparison of "email and telephone" group with "telephone" group only. Is there a difference in the proportions contacting the department? Assess number of contacts per person.

Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date

20/04/2005

Completion date

20/10/2006

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Referral to clinical genetics
2. Over 16 years of age or the parent/guardian of children under 16 years of age
3. With access to email

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

120 participants in total (60 per arm)

Key exclusion criteria

Patients attending for prenatal counselling or predictive testing.

Date of first enrolment

20/04/2005

Date of final enrolment

20/10/2006

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

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Sponsor information

Organisation

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Sponsor type

Government

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Funder(s)

Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name

Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Trust (UK)

Funder Name

NHS R&D Support Funding (UK)

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration