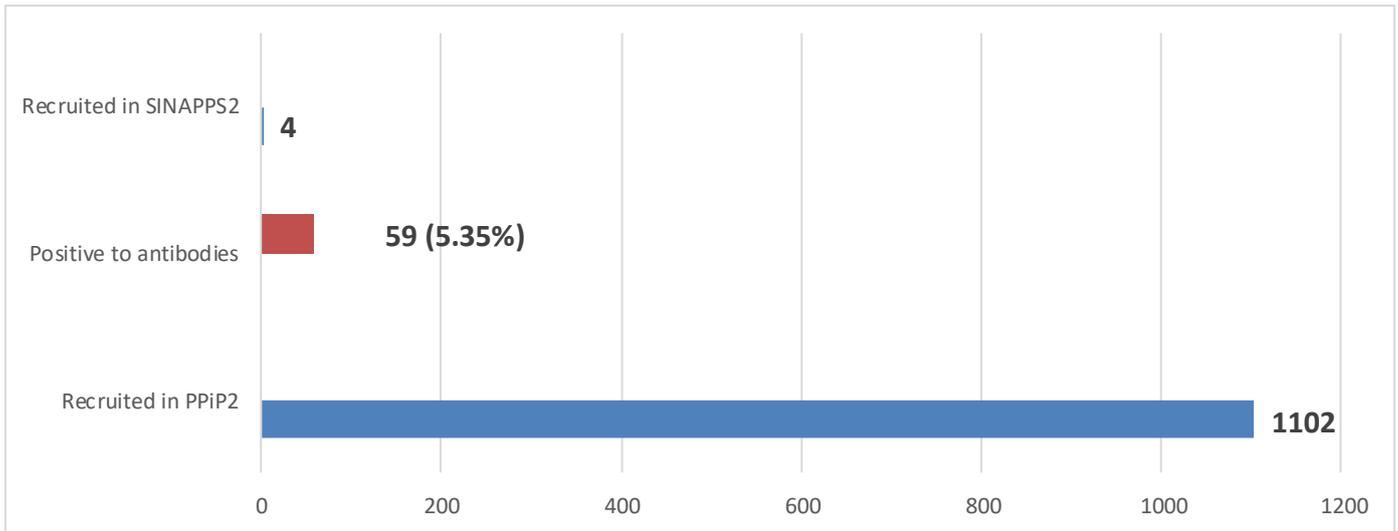


SINAPPS

**SINAPPS group studies overview (September 2016 - July 2018)**



**PPI2 updates**

Last month has been very good for PPI2, with more than 60 patients recruited nationally. This is a great improvement, and we would like to thank all the teams for their redoubled efforts. However, we are behind our target and we need to increase PPI2 recruitment even further. As most of you will know, PPI2 is the screening study for recruitment to SINAPPS2. SINAPPS2 is therefore critically dependent on PPI2. PPI2 has to screen more than 2,500 patients with psychosis before July 2020 to identify approximately 160 antibody-positive participants. Of these 160, we expect to recruit 80 into SINAPPS2. For this to happen, PPI2 requires monthly consistent recruitment, and should involve the recruitment of everyone with acute psychosis seen by the Trust, through early intervention services and inpatient wards. While this will not be an easy task, the fantastic improvements over last month show that if we put our resources together we can do it!

**SINAPPS2 updates**

We keep screening antibody positive patients for SINAPPS2 at a steady pace, but more participants are needed!

Despite our best efforts, we did not recruit all referred PPI2 antibody positive patients. This is due to many different factors, such as referred antibody positive patients not being eligible and low number of referred antibody positive patients. We are doing all we can to make SINAPPS2 as accessible as possible. Indeed we just activated a new site in Nottingham, and more are on the way! It is vital to identify and refer more antibody positive patients with acute psychosis to enable us to test the efficacy of immunotherapy for this group of patients.

PPI2 participants are expected to be the main bulk of SINAPPS2 potential participants, but please note that antibody positive patients tested clinically are also welcome. We invite consultant psychiatrists in England to contact [sinapps@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sinapps@psych.ox.ac.uk) to refer their antibody positive patients with acute psychosis to a neurologist in the nearest SINAPPS2 site.

## Encephalitis Conference 2018: SINAPPS team representing!

We are delighted to inform you that the SINAPPS group will attend the Encephalitis Conference in London, and will hold a presentation about SINAPPS2!

Taking place on the 3rd of the December, the conference will feature Dr Josep Dalmau and Dr Susan Hill as keynote speakers, plus a number of leading experts in Neurology and Neuropsychiatry. Holding high the flag of psychiatry, our RA Sally-Anne Vincent will present the latest findings from our screening study and discuss whether these could change the way we diagnose and treat psychosis.

Registration is free of charge and seats are running out fast, so be quick to register! We hope to see you there! Link to the registration page is available by clicking on the banner below.

## PPiP2 recruiter of the month

What a July! Temperatures went through the roof, but so did your energy! The result is an overall excellent month for PPiP2 recruitment, with many sites (*Barnet Enfield & Haringey, Birmingham & Solihull, Birmingham Children Hospital, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Kent & Medway, Lincolnshire, Rotheram Doncaster & South Humber, South London & Maudsley*) recruiting often twice their monthly target. However, one team distinguished themselves for their outstanding figures, and that is the team from **Central North West London NHS Foundation Trust** (Dr Nikola Rahaman, Bianca Hinds-Walters, Delilah Harding, Arunan Saravanamuttu, Dr Oksana Yemelyanova). Congratulations to all the teams for the great results, and a special thank you to the CNWL team! Who will be topping the charts in August? Stay with us to find out!

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