

Training programme

1 day introduction to CFS and the trial – combined
Review training programme on 7th May, at next TMG meeting.

Public Relations

We agreed that [REDACTED] at the MRC would handle the media and general public relations in the future. All queries and approaches must be passed on to [REDACTED]

SUSMC

We discussed whether there should be one named doctor or different doctors at each centre

Centre Reports

There is a space problem at the Royal Free – this centre may have to use the Medical School

TMG documents

Any new documents to be circulated should be sent to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] first.

Protocol

The protocol was revised in some detail and approved for submission to the TSC, subject to the following actions:

It was agreed that therapies should be listed in alphabetical order, where appropriate

Following discussion about whether we should be using 50% reduction in fatigue score and / or a score of 3 on the Chalder questionnaire, it was agreed that the power calculation for outcomes should be reviewed.

Action [REDACTED]

It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a measure for sleep. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is using a 4- item Jenkins questionnaire for their trial. [REDACTED] has a copy of the questionnaire and will send it to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Action [REDACTED]

Following discussion about screening and baseline procedures it was agreed that we should add a statement to the consent form stating “participants will be able to attend for the duration of the trial”.

Action [REDACTED]

For assessment purposes, it was agreed that a reading test would be useful in order to assess ability to read and understand English.

Action [REDACTED]

Supplementary studies protocol

Comments regarding supplementary studies policy document, previously circulated, should be sent to [REDACTED].

Date and time of next meeting:

Friday 7th May at 2pm, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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