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Meet our Trial Coordinator

Sabeen Zahra has been a Trial Coordinator at York Trials Unit since December 2020. She is currently working on trials for surgical wound care and venous leg ulcers. Sabeen has a research interest around nutrition, musculoskeletal health, ageing and researching ethnic minorities.



A reminder about VenUS 6

Venous Ulcer Study 6 is a **randomised controlled clinical trial** which aims to compare different types of compression therapy to treat venous leg ulcers. Each of these types of compression therapy are already used regularly in clinical practice, but we do not know which is most likely to provide the greatest benefit:

- **Compression wraps**
- **Four layers of bandages or two layers of hosiery (Evidence-Based Compression)**
- **Two layers of bandages**

VenUS 6 aims to find out which of the treatments is most likely to heal venous leg ulcers most quickly and how much each of the treatments costs to use.

We are looking for people to get involved

We are currently looking for people to provide advice on how to best recruit participants for the VenUS 6 trial.

We would like to hear from you if you have had a venous leg ulcer.

We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have used compression therapy, including compression wraps, bandages or stockings, or if you have been a participant in a research study before. We are able to reimburse you for your time spent working with us.

How people can be involved is flexible: whilst we may sometimes have face-to-face meetings with our contributors when these are allowed, much of the work can be done remotely, by post, phone, or email.

As a trial funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), we have a responsibility to ensure people can participate in the study fairly. We also need to ensure the funding for the trial is used wisely—part of this means that we have to keep within our timelines as best we can.

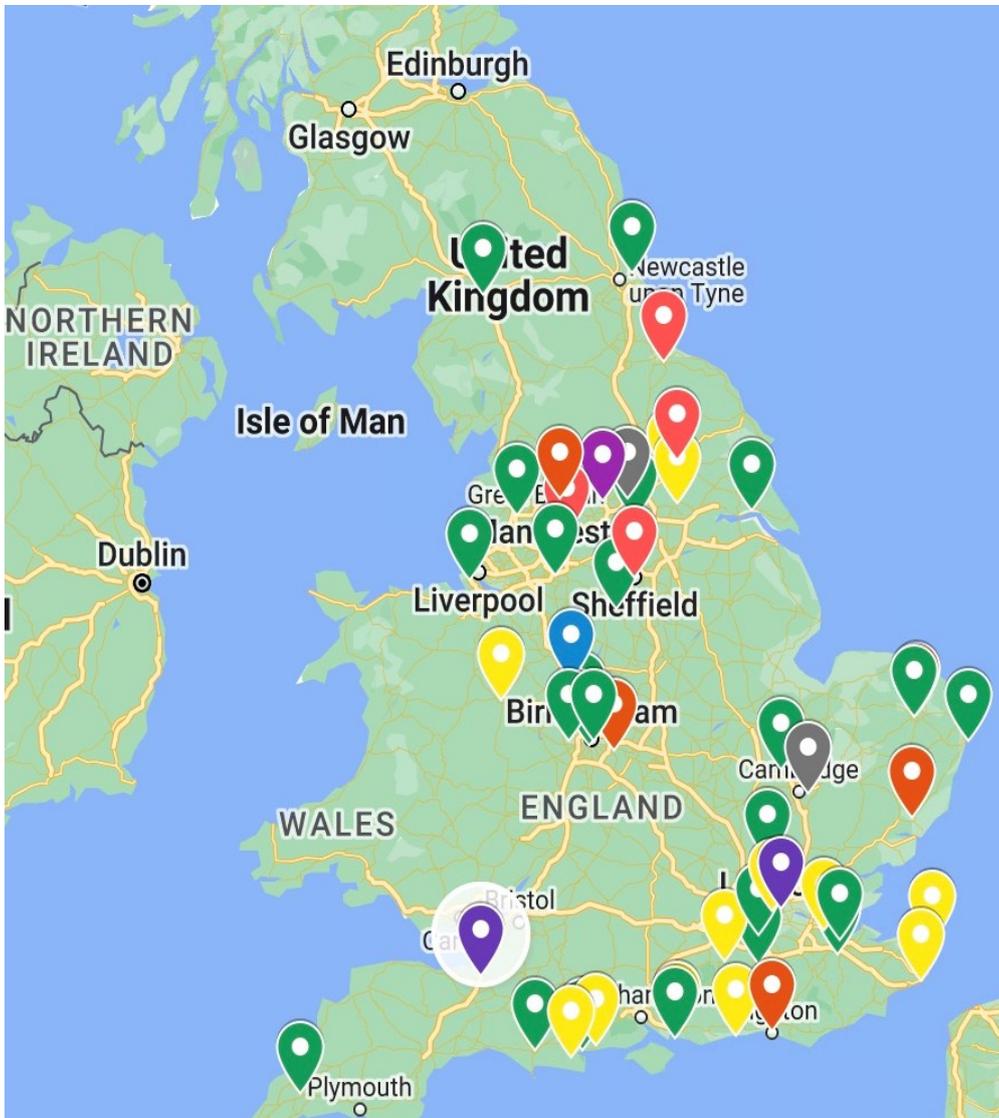
**To find out more, please contact Ross Atkinson by phone on 0161 306 7661 and leave a message (we will call you back)
or email ross.atkinson@manchester.ac.uk**

Fast Fact: What is informed consent in research?

Informed consent is the process where patients are given information about a study, including risks and benefits, to help them decide if they would like to take part in the study. This is to ensure potential participants are clear about what the study involves and it allows the potential participant and family members to ask the research team any study related questions. If they are willing then the potential participant voluntarily agrees to participate in the study. Consent can be written or oral.

VenUS 6 progress

So far, **54** sites (NHS Trusts, community services and GP practices) have signed up to take part in VenUS 6. Those marked in green on the map below are the 24 sites open to recruit participants. As of 9th August 2022, **274** people with venous leg ulcers have volunteered to participate in the trial across 21 sites.



Sites in **green** have started recruiting participants.

Sites marked in **blue** are almost ready to start recruitment.

Those in **purple**, **grey** or **yellow** are currently being set up.

We are grateful for the participation of all patients and staff helping to make this important study

If you would like more information about being involved in VenUS 6 as a patient, carer or public contributor, please contact:

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