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# CFHealthHub RCT

Development and evaluation of an intervention to support Adherence to treatment in adults with CF

# PWCF and exacerbations due to poor adherence



- £30 million is spent annually on inhaled therapy but average adherence only 36%
- PWCF who collect <50% of their medication cost the healthcare system significantly more than PWCF who collect more than 80%
- We have designed an intervention to help adult PWCF see how much treatment they use
- Dose-counting nebulisers (eTrack) will be used to collect data and display it in CFHealthHub (CFHH)
- Modules within CFHH which teach PWCF how to build successful treatment habits
- We will conduct this Pilot Feasibility study to determine whether a larger scale RCT is possible

# Design



Mixed-methods study comprising of:

- Quantitative component: parallel group, open labelled, external RCT;
- Qualitative component: analysis of audio-recorded consultations and interviews.

# SITES

29 centres participating  
in England, Ireland,  
Scotland and  
Wales

566 participants to be  
recruited across all 20  
sites

Local targets between 20  
and 35 participants



# Significant Milestones



- ✓ REC approval granted 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017
- ✓ HRA approval granted 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017
- ✓ mNCA under review by each local R&D team
- ✓ Local governance checks underway
- ✓ Interventionists formally appointed (n=27)

# Aims



The main aims of the study are to determine:

- The efficacy of CFHealthHub – does it offer any additional benefit over usual care to patients with CF?
- test the fidelity and acceptability of the intervention via a process evaluation – do patients and clinicians deem the intervention acceptable and how was it delivered in real life?

# Objectives

## Clinical Outcomes



### **Primary clinical outcome**

- The number of pulmonary exacerbations in 12 month month post-baseline follow-up
- Treatment with IV antibiotics together with ONE of the following:
  - 1. change in sputum;
  - 2. new or increased hemoptysis;
  - 3. increased cough;
  - 4. increased dyspnea;
  - 5. malaise, fatigue, or lethargy;
  - 6. temperature above 38 °C;
  - 7. anorexia or weight loss;
  - 8. sinus pain or tenderness;
  - 9. change in sinus discharge.
  - 10. change in physical examination of the chest, derived from notes by site staff.
  - 11. decrease in pulmonary function by 10 percent or more from a previously recorded value, derived from notes by site staff; or,
  - 12. radiographic changes indicative of pulmonary infection, derived from notes by site staff.

# Objectives

## 4. Clinical Outcomes



**Secondary outcomes** Participant reported outcome measures (participant booklet)

1. EQ5D5L
2. Patient Activation Measure -13
3. Confusion, Hubbub And Order Scale -6
4. Self-Reported Behavioural Automaticity Index
5. Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-Revised
6. Patient Health Questionnaire depression scale -8
7. Medication Adherence Data -3
8. General Anxiety Disorder -7
9. Capability Opportunity Motivation –Beliefs about Medicines Questionnaire

Subjective medical adherence question



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### **Secondary outcomes**

#### 1. Other clinical measures

- BMI
- FEV1/FVC

#### 2. Adherence data to evaluate adherence to prescribed medication

#### 3. Resource use form – Health Economic

# Design



Individually randomised to

- 1. Usual Care (control)**
- 2. CFHH (intervention)**

- Participants viewing adherence charts in CFHH
- Face to face sessions with the interventionists and ability to use CFHH alone
- Setting of goals and targets within CFHH
- **Study participation from consent till 30/6/19**

# Eligibility criteria



## **Inclusion criteria**

1. Diagnosed with CF and with data within the CF registry
2. Aged 16 years and above
3. Taking inhaled mucolytics or antibiotics via a chipped nebuliser (e.g. eTrack) or able and willing to take via eTrack

# Eligibility criteria



## **Exclusion Criteria**

1. Post-lung transplant
2. People on the active lung transplant list
3. Patients receiving palliative care
4. Lacking in capacity to give informed consent
5. Using dry powder devices to take antibiotics or mucolytics



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