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Sent: 27 January 2014 12:11
To: Jill Belch [REDACTED] CATE
Cc: Keith Gillon [REDACTED] CATE
Subject: RE: Professor Sam Eljamel

Hi Jill

I've spoken with Kathleen Whyte and we have discussed Sam's studies. In general terms, Kathleen feels that she is unable to take over the majority of Sam's studies – primarily because many require the input of a neurosurgeon rather than a neurologist. She is also concerned that she may not be the best person to be too closely involved as she is married to [REDACTED] CATE who is involved in the investigation. Also, it's her opinion that it would be difficult to identify other staff who would be willing to act as the clinical lead on Sam's studies.

See attached the study list with my notes re. my conversation with Kathleen and suggested actions.

I think the best way forward is contact Sam via his UoD email and arrange to discuss and/or meet. The trials sponsored externally are due or will be due v. soon for close out and we could take this forward with Sam's agreement and agreement thereafter of the Sponsors. Kathleen has said that would be willing to carry out any clinical assessments where appropriate eg for patients on follow-up. One trial on the list has never been R&D approved here so we can close this site.

Others sponsored here will likely need early termination unfortunately, unless Sam can advise of another appropriate neurosurgeon. We also require Sam to advise of the current status regarding patients on-study or on follow-up.

The only commercial study which is proposed is best closed – have discussed with Cameron – as it requires a neurosurgeon.

Bye.
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From: Jill Belch
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Subject: Fwd: Professor Sam Eljamel

Hi Catrina, just to alert you that I have now spoken with Phillip, SAMs line manager. I have suggested that he speak with either Kathy White or Rob Swingler regarding a meeting with you to close out SAMs trials. If any can be kept on, especially with Kathy's commercial champion hat on, please can we do this.

I have cd to Cameron and Sara, who may both wish to be involved in the discussions. It might be a good way for Kathy to pick up established trials..

Philip will speak with either or both tomorrow and get back to me. We need to establish the employment issues round the university nurse, and I have asked Lesley to find out who/ where he is based, best wishes, Jill

Sent from my iPad

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jill Belch CAT E
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Subject: Professor Sam Eljamel

Dear Philip,

Sorry to trouble you but unfortunately I have been informed, through the gossip channels, that Professor Sam Eljamel is no longer available to continue his research projects. This clearly is a serious issue and in the same way as his patient cover will have been organised, we require to set in train processes to similarly cover/run down his research.

Please find attached a list of studies in which Professor Eljamel was the Principal Investigator. There are 12 projects in total which will require alternate PIs or to be closed down by a deputised clinical member of staff. I have highlighted one high risk study which is entitled Vagus-thalamic Stimulation in Treatment Refractory Epilepsy. One of these studies is a 4th year student project and we have already informed the convener so that there is as little disruption to the student as possible. This is project No. 12 on the list and the students name is Mr Skarparis.

As you will see from the list, in the majority of these, Professor Eljamel was PI with CI being in another Institution. Only 6 of his studies are those with Professor Eljamel as CI. Study Nos. 2 and 4 are drug studies (CTIMPS) both are in follow up but arrangements will have to be made for these patients to be followed up with the external CI.

The issues to be addressed will be whether the patients require to be withdrawn, whether they can be followed up by an alternate member of staff and whether the studies themselves need to be terminated. Ethics will require to be informed of any change in PI or study cessation and the 2 CTIMP studies will need full documentation checked with the delegated PI from the region in place.

It is disappointing that we were not alerted to this formally as I believe that one of the nursing members of staff has inadvertently mentioned this to Industrial Sponsors before we have any of these issues resolved. Professor Eljamel was an honorary member of the University, however, apart from the student project, all his studies are NHST badged carried out in his capacity as an NHST Consultant.

I think it would be helpful if you could either meet, or delegate a team member to do so with Catrina Forde (our Senior Governance Manager) so that we can devise clear plans for the close out (or continuation with a different PI) of these studies as a matter of urgency. We will, of course, help as much as possible.

These are very unusual circumstances and I appreciate that perhaps his NHST research interests and activities were overlooked when allocating/modifying his workload amongst colleagues. It would be good to clear these projects up now we have been informed, BW, Jill

Many thanks.
 Kind regards
 Jill