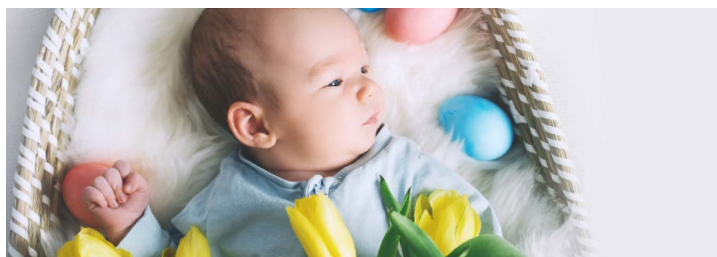


We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed a bit of sunshine! The last couple of months has been busy with setting up more new sites to join SurfON and liaising with our current NHS participating sites in order to prepare for restarting recruitment.



### Site Readiness to Recruit

During the recruitment pause period, we are checking *monthly* with our sites about their readiness to recruit. This is in line with our agreement with the NIHR, as when we restart we are hoping to hit the ground running and we will be working on a target of at least **1-2 babies per month per site**.

The pause has provided the necessary break for some of our sites in order to have Capacity & Capability (C&C) in place before recruitment recommences. We are very pleased that many of our sites have let us know that they will be ready to get going again with recruitment, when we officially re-start!

*Please do return your responses back to the SurfON team monthly even if site readiness is unchanged from the previous month.*



### SurfON Collaborators Day, 15th June 2022, Birmingham

Registration to attend is currently open. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet health professionals from our other NHS participating sites and also to meet the team! All site staff working on the trial are very welcome to attend.

### Screening Logs during Recruitment Pause

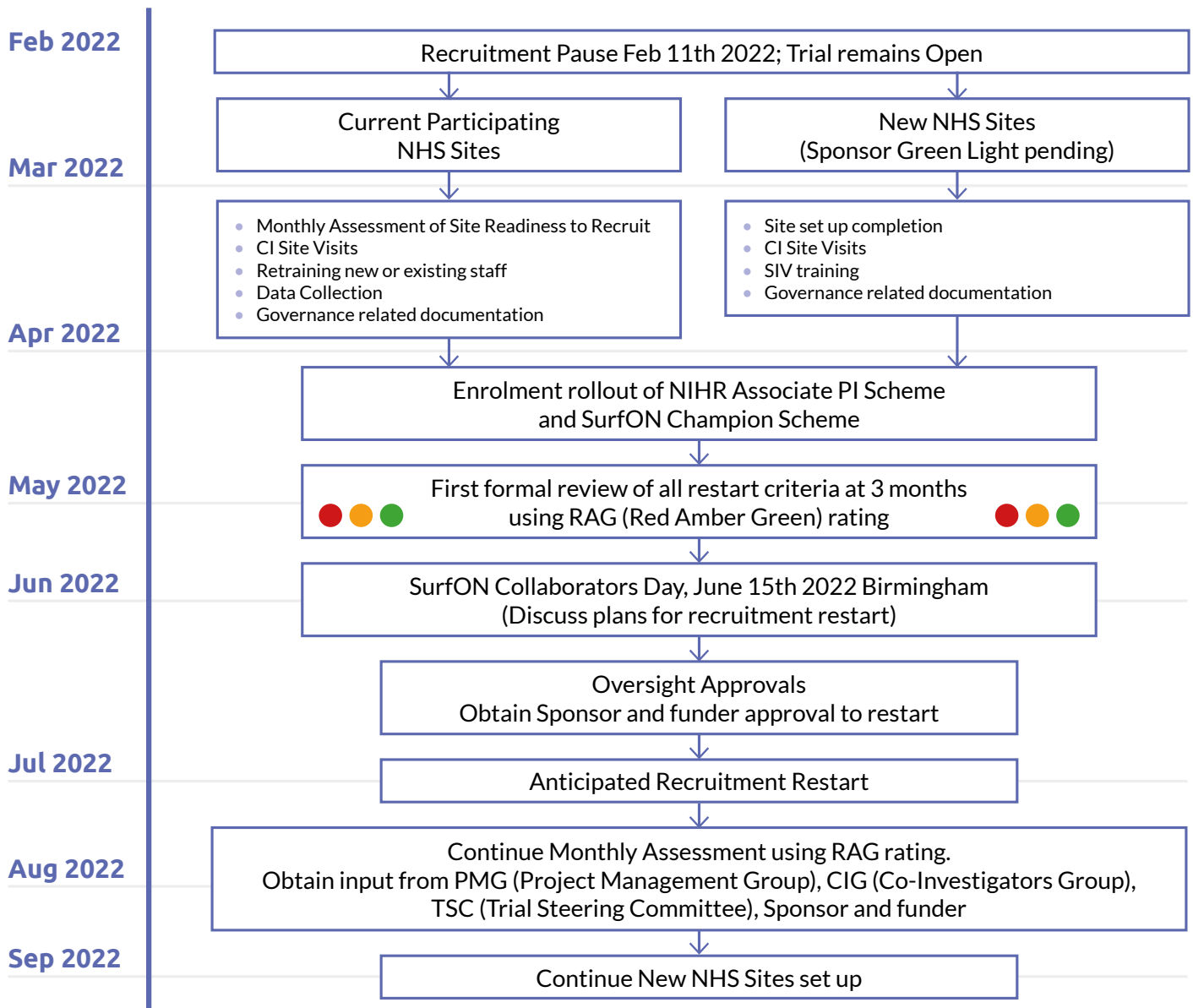
Since the beginning of the pandemic, SurfON has been met with recruitment challenges amongst other factors. We understand from sites that many potentially eligible babies have been missed for recruitment because of various reasons, for example, lack of trial equipoise, local C&C issues, lack of awareness of the trial etc. We would like to significantly reduce these missed opportunities by addressing these challenges and thereby improve recruitment on SurfON when we restart (we still need **1,345 babies!**).

Therefore, we encourage existing sites to continue screening locally in order to understand trial population prevalence (*34<sup>+0</sup> and 38<sup>+6</sup> weeks of gestation admitted to a Neonatal Unit (NNU) with respiratory distress and for whom a clinical decision has been made to provide non-invasive respiratory support*) at the site. This would also help address any local recruitment challenges.

Please note that Screening Logs can be completed online on the Randomisation website using the site log in details provided.

## Projected SurfON Recruitment Restart Timeline

(Pending first formal review in May 2022, updates pertaining to proposed restart will be provided by the SurfON Team)



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We are also continuing to accept applications for **SurfON NIHR Associate PI Scheme** and **SurfON Champion Scheme**.

Please get in touch with us if you are interested.

**Thank you for all your hard work and your ongoing support of the SurfON trial.**

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