

## Welcome – and thank you!

Thank you for being part of the study and helping us to answer important questions about **WHAT** happens to children with uveitis, and **WHY**.

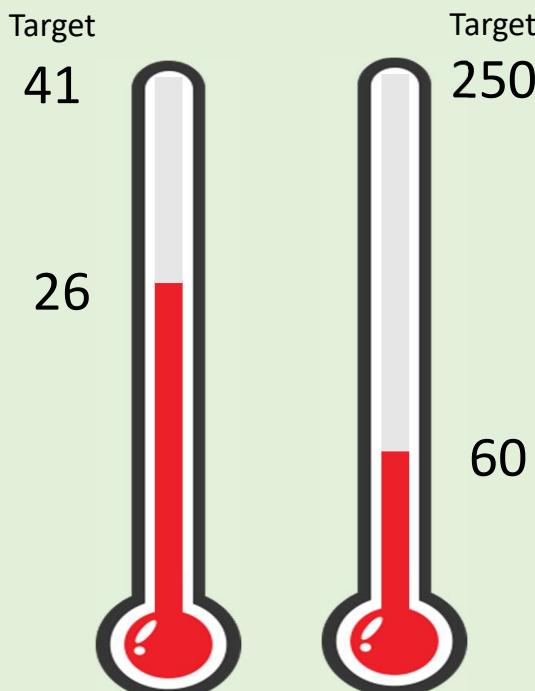
UNICORNS is the **FIRST** national study of this kind.

The information we are collecting will be used to help families affected by **childhood uveitis** so that we can improve outcomes.

AND through the **UNICORNS-C19** study, we are collecting experiences and perceptions about the experiences of children who were diagnosed during the pandemic.

## Study Update

### Hospital sites Patients recruited



## What research can do



The Childhood arthritis prospective study (CAPS) looked at children newly diagnosed with arthritis, and followed them over time. Thanks to CAPS, arthritis doctors now:

- Know more about the genes which are affected in children with arthritis
- Understand which blood tests are best for predicting whether children with arthritis will do well
- Have better ways to monitor arthritis in children

**We want to do the same for uveitis!**

## Not yet part of UNICORNS?

You can join the study if:



- Your uveitis was picked up on or after **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**
- You were **under 18 years old** when you were first told you had uveitis

See **back page** for details

## Meet The Team



### Dr. Lola Solebo

I am the study Chief Investigator, which means I am responsible for the overall management of the study. I'm a researcher who also spends time as a paediatric ophthalmologist, looking after children with Uveitis



### Salomey Kellett

I am the study research assistant, I am responsible for the day to day admin involved in running the study



### Dr. Valerija Tadić

I am an academic psychologist and I will be sharing my expertise on how children and young people describe what's happening in their lives ('patient reported outcomes')



### Prof. Andrew Dick

I am a Uveitis Specialist for children and adults, and I am sharing my experience of Uveitis and research into Uveitis



### Dr. Rachel Knowles

I am a researcher and I will be sharing my expertise in using confidential data and the best ways to share information across teams in the UK



### Prof. Jugnoo Rahi

I am a paediatric ophthalmologist and epidemiologist. I'll be sharing my expertise on carrying out national studies involving children with eye disorders

This study would not be possible without:

The **Ophthalmology** and **Rheumatology** Teams at Hospitals across the UK – *thank you!*

The **patients** and **parents** who make up the Childhood Uveitis Study Steering Group – *thank you!*



## FUTURE EVENTS

### CHILDHOOD UVEITIS DAY FOR UNICORN FAMILIES

We will be having a study open day in September 2022, so that researchers and families involved in the UNICORN study can share information and experiences.

Online video links will be created during the day to involve those who are unable to attend.

## What is it like being part of UNICORNS?

After you agree to be part of the study:

We ask you to fill in some questionnaires about what life is like for you and for the family – **this is so important!** We want to tell the world what it's like for a family affected by uveitis.

We ask your doctors to share information with us

We ask if we can tell you about other research in the future

We share updates with you by email and newsletters

## Find us on social media

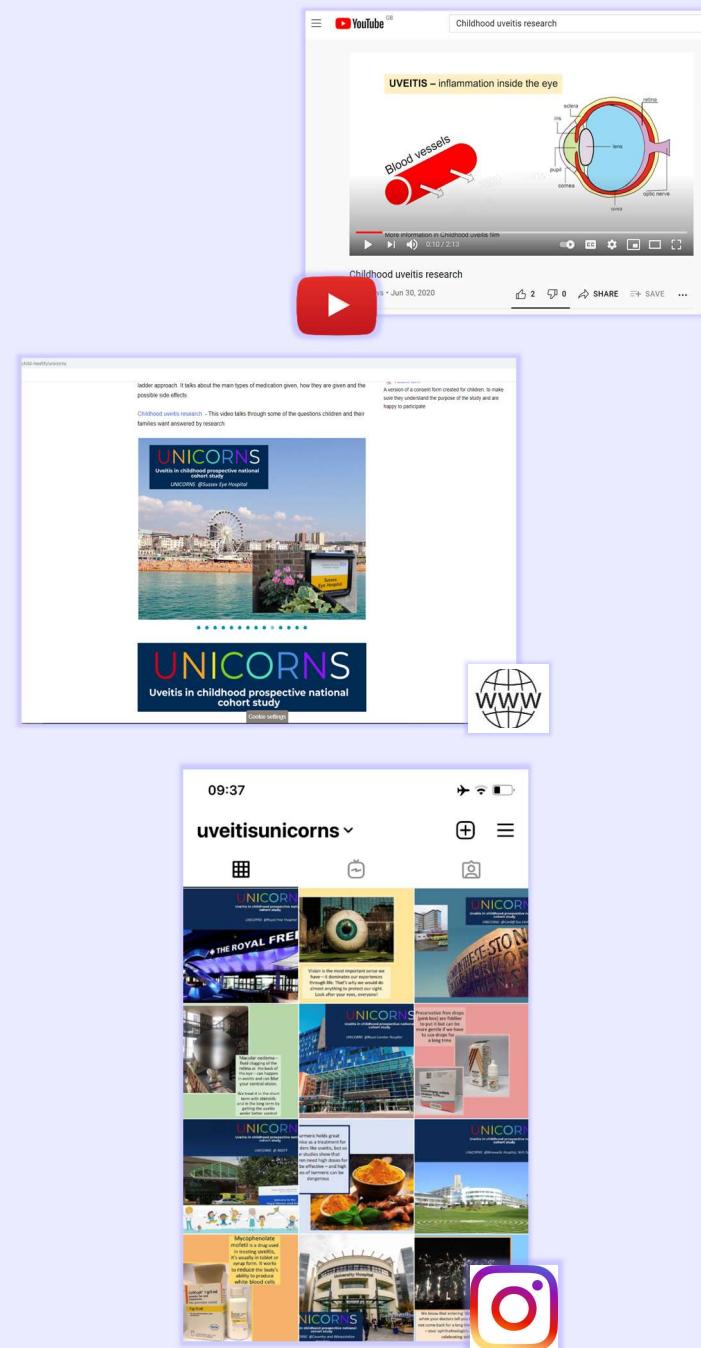
If you would like to keep up to date on all our latest news, future events, research and findings, visit our website or follow us on social media

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/child-health/unicorns>

@UVEITISUNICORNS (for families)

@UVEITISUNICORN\_YP (for young people)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vBzqS\\_HD\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vBzqS_HD_E)



The collage includes:

- A YouTube video titled "Childhood uveitis research" showing a diagram of the eye with labels for "Blood vessels", "iris", "pupil", "cornea", "lens", "iris", "pupil", "cornea", "optic nerve", and "iris".
- A screenshot of a website for "Childhood uveitis research" featuring a video player and a red play button.
- A screenshot of a mobile phone displaying the UNICORNS Instagram feed, which includes posts about the Royal Free Hospital, vision, and research findings.
- A screenshot of the UNICORNS Instagram profile page, which features a bio, a globe icon, and the Instagram logo.

## FIND YOUR HOSPITAL

ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	THE LEEDS TEACHING HOSPITALS
THE ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH AND CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITALS	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER
BRADFORD TEACHING HOSPITALS	MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL
BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS	THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS (ADDENBROOKES)	NHS TAYSIDE (NINEWELLS HOSPITAL)
CARDIFF AND VALE UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD	NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE	NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE	OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL	PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILLION
GUYS'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS HOSPITAL TRUST	ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
HARROGATE AND DISTRICT NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	ROYAL FREE LONDON
HULL UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITALS	ROYAL LONDON NHS TRUST (BARTS)
JAMES PAGET UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS	SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS

### Have you returned your questionnaires?

We want to make sure we hear the voices of those affected by childhood uveitis.

**Please don't forget to return them** – if you have lost them, email us (see contact details below) and we can send you new copies!



### Sites about to open

Can't find your hospital? Don't worry: we are currently talking to 15 other hospitals. The two sites below are close to opening:

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BELFAST**

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