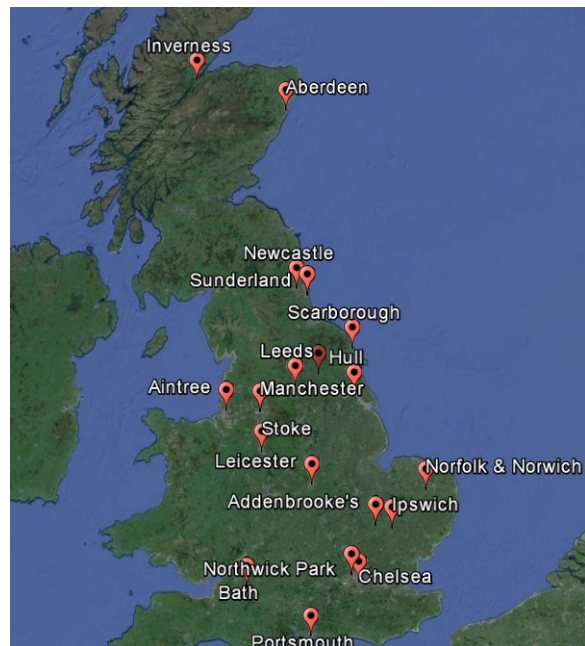


# BSRBR-AS Patient Newsletter

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The British Society for Rheumatology Register in Ankylosing Spondylitis (BSRBR-AS) is now well under way!

The BSRBR-AS recruited its first patient at the end of 2012 and as of August 2013 there were over 200 patients recruited. The study is currently recruiting patients from 19 centres throughout Scotland, England and Wales and there are a further 30 centres who are preparing to start recruiting before the end of the year (see the Map for details). The study is intended to examine the safety and effectiveness of biologic therapies for AS and is recruiting patients who are going on to biologic therapy (Adalimumab or Etanercept) for the first time as well as patients who have never received biologic therapies. It had been hope also



Current recruiting sites

to include Golimumab in the study but unfortunately MSD have not provided support to the study. Taking part in the study mainly involves using clinical information which would be routinely recorded – but we also ask patients to fill out questionnaires periodically in order to collect on-going information about their condition and its impact on their daily activities (including work).

So if you are keen to take part why not ask your consultant next time whether your centre is taking part in BSRBR-AS. Clinicians and patients can get further information at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/bsrbr-as>

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