The patient sample represents all severities of COPD, including patients with established diagnoses as well as those newly identified and reporting lung symptoms from the case-finding trial.

The aims for both studies are:

- Develop & evaluate prognostic indices for use in primary care
- Primary outcome: all cause hospitalisations
- Secondary outcomes include respiratory hospitalisations, exacerbations and mortality

The 3 year follow-up visits will begin next year.

**Target to Cohort Responses**

 Patients that had taken part in the TargetCOPD trial are now being invited to take part in the Cohort study. 1,695 patients from the TargetCOPD trial have been invited to the Cohort study. Of the patients invited, 65% have agreed to join the Cohort Study which has a 3 year follow up period.

In addition to our patient assessments we are also extracting certain information from patients' records on your clinical systems. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the Data Sharing Agreements required for this process to take place. We would be grateful to receive all outstanding Agreements as soon as possible, so that we can arrange to come and run the search at your practice.

**The BLISS Cohort Study**

We have now recruited 2,188 patients into the Cohort study from 71 GP practices in the West Midlands.

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