

**THANK YOU** to you all for your contributions to the draft of the PRECISE protocol. There has been a lot of back and forth with the site teams and co-investigators since the launch meeting in January and we have been very grateful for all the contributions to getting to this point. The draft protocol is now with site teams for country-specific adaptations and was submitted to KCL ethics on 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you haven't seen it and would like to, please let us know and we will send it to you. There will be amendments and updates as PRECISE evolves.

**New PRECISE partner:** We are delighted to have partnered with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and University of Oslo to set up the PRECISE data collection platform on DHIS2.

DHIS2 is a free and open source software that is used both for aggregate and patient level data collection. More information can be found on the DHIS website: <https://www.dhis2.org/overview>

### **Forthcoming PRECISE activity**

**July 2018:** Cross site project managers meeting in London

**September 2018:** Field staff training in The Gambia

**October 2018:** Site visits for discussion of any implementation issues

**February 2019:** Hold for PRECISE annual meeting dates

**WELCOME! New team members:** Dr Marina Daniele will be joining the PRECISE team as our Midwife Researcher and will be working closely with Jane and Veronique on the Quality and Respectful Care work.

Dr Melisa Martinez-Alvares has recently joined the MRC Gambia Unit at LSHTM and is based in Senegal. Melisa will be a co-investigator working on the Health Systems components of PRECISE.

Rachel Craik has joined the Oxford team to project manage the development of the TraCer device and will be working closely with the central team at KCL.

### **PRECISE communications**

Find us online at: [www.precisenetwork.org.uk](http://www.precisenetwork.org.uk)

Follow us on Twitter: PRECISE\_network

Newsletter updates; please let us know if you would like anything included in this newsletter.

### **Project governance**

We have had 2 Independent Technical Advisory Group meetings (Feb 2018 and May 2018), these meetings are Chaired by France Donnay, full membership can be seen on the [website](#). The next meeting will be in September 2018 and the members will all be invited to the 2019 PRECISE annual meeting.

The funders have set up a 1 year milestone review that will take place in October 2018. We have set PRECISE up on Research Fish and would be incredibly grateful if co-investigators can contribute to this review process. Amber will be in touch nearer the time with more specific information about what is needed. Thank you in advance!

**Congratulations** to Tatenda Makanga who has been promoted to Senior Lecturer at Midland State University Zimbabwe. We are delighted that Tatenda is leading the Health Geography component in PRECISE and Chairing the Environment Working Group for the programme.

### **Network building**

At the moment, Thematic Working Group meetings are the primary mechanism for co-investigators to contribute to the development of PRECISE. Please do let us know if you do not feel you have sufficient opportunity to contribute and we can discuss opportunities to meet and ensure everyone has sufficient options to engage. All feedback on how best to build this network as a high functioning global team would be welcome.