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**STopping Aminosalicylate  
Therapy in Inactive  
Crohn's Disease**

**A Randomized, Open-label,  
Non-inferiority Trial**

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# Stopping Aminosalicylate Therapy in Inactive Crohn's disease

People aged 18+ with Crohn's Disease in remission currently taking aminosalicylate therapy

Eligible ✓

1:1 randomisation

Continue 5-ASA (n-790) 50% of the subjects will continue aminosalicylate therapy using the same dose

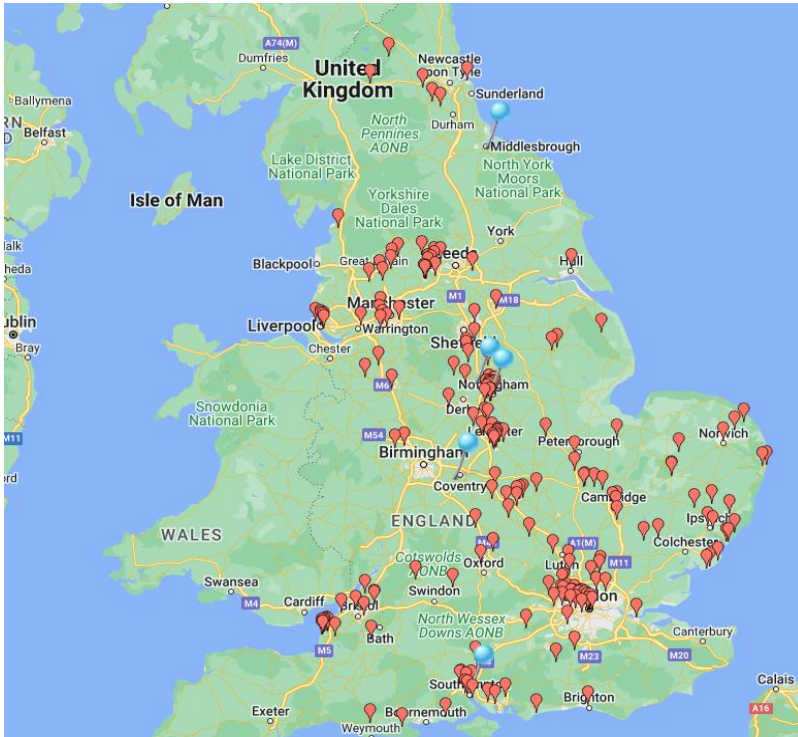
5-ASA withdrawal (n-790) 50% of the subjects will discontinue aminosalicylate

Ongoing usual care in both arms

## Primary Objective of STATIC

Determine whether withdrawal of 5ASA is non-inferior to the continuation of 5ASA in subjects with CD in remission with regard to a primary endpoint of CD-related complication within 24 months after treatment allocation

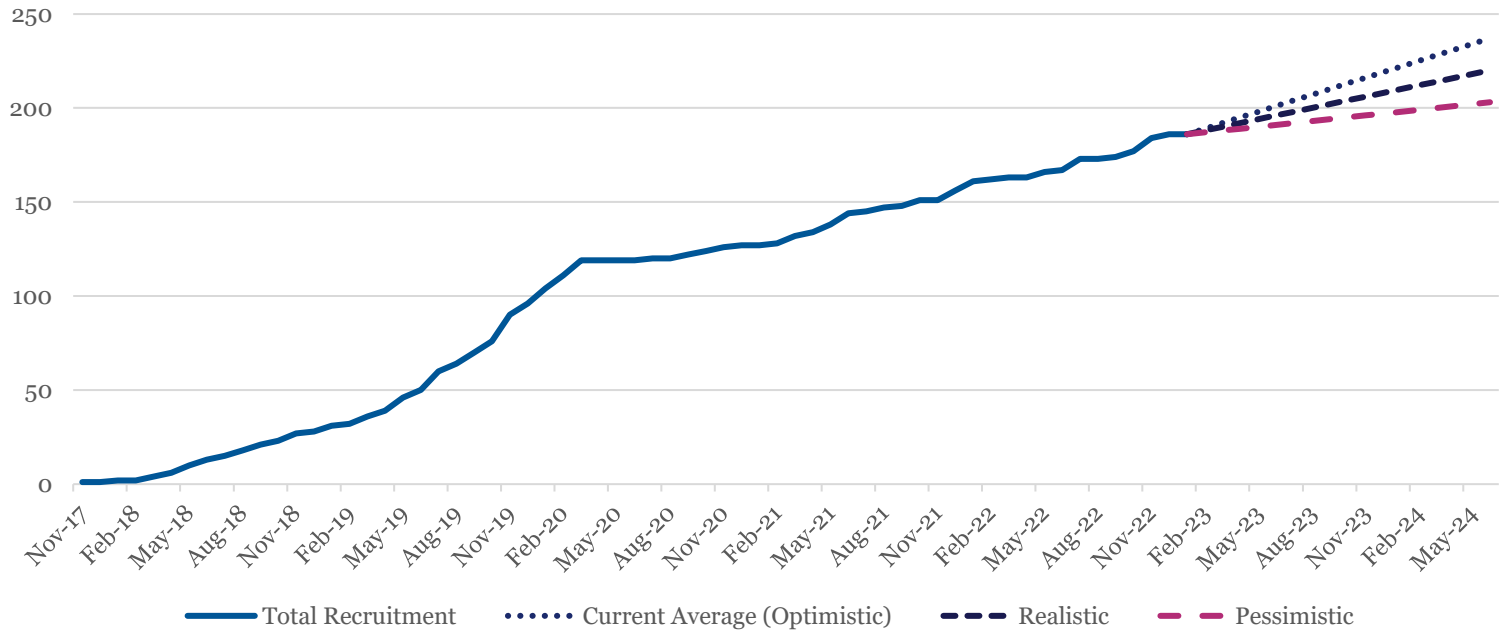
≈ 1000 patients from primary care  
≥1500 GP practices



# Study Status Overview

## Secondary Care - Recruitment

Recruitment in Secondary Care Sites





# Data Driven Trial methodology



# Screening and recruitment



# Primary care data

## Fragmented systems

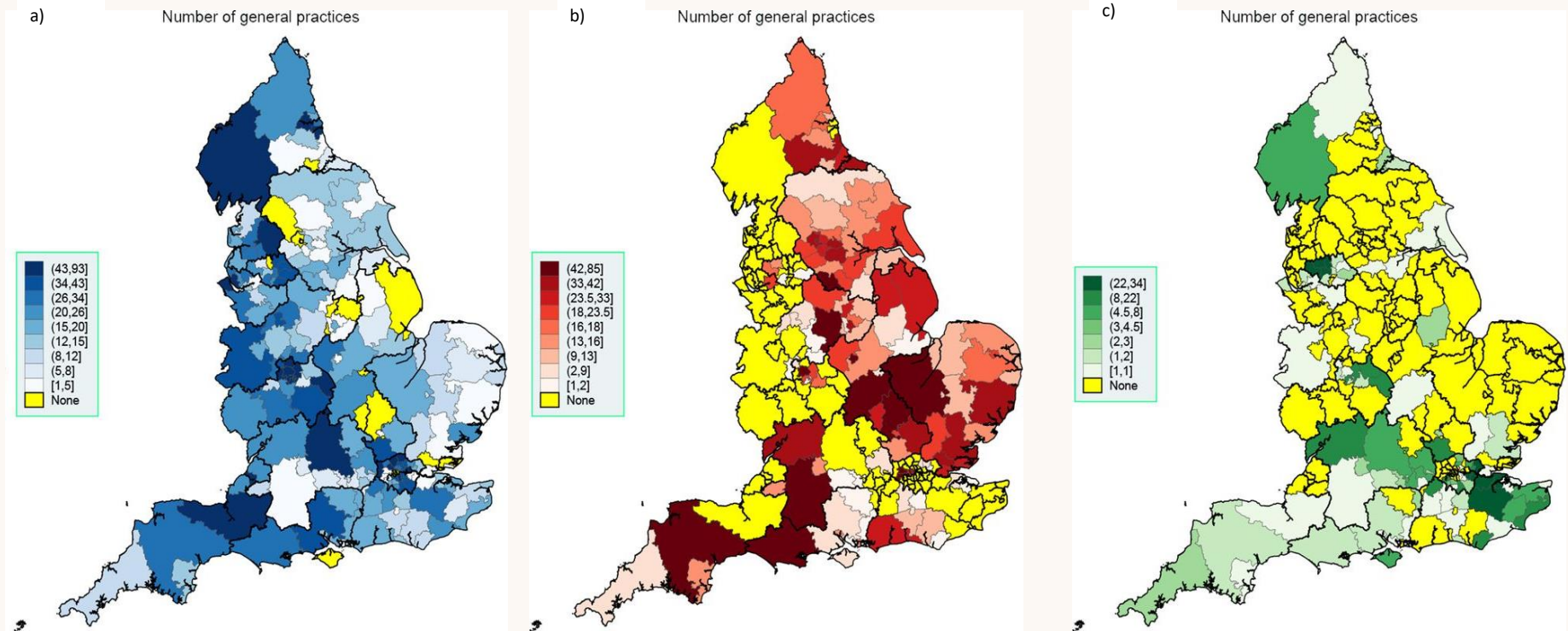
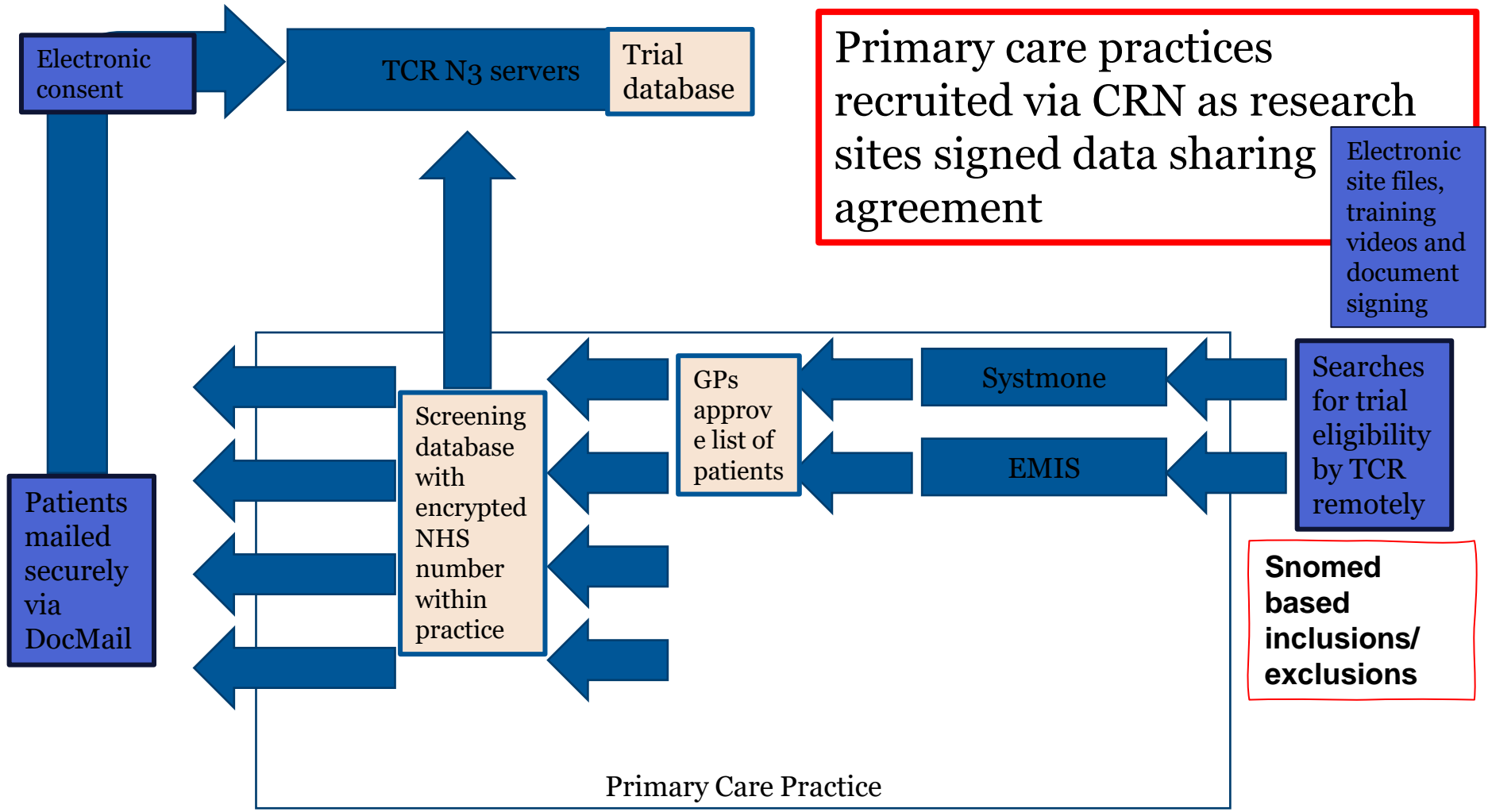


Figure 1 Spatial map at the CCG level, September 2016: a) EMIS b) SystmOne c) Vision. Thicker border lines correspond to the 14 NHS regions. Evangelos Kontopantelis et al. BMJ Open 2018;8:e020738 ©2018 by British Medical Journal Publishing Group



Electronic consent

TCR N3 servers  
Trial database

Primary care practices recruited via CRN as research sites signed data sharing agreement

Electronic site files, training videos and document signing

Patients mailed securely via DocMail

Screening database with encrypted NHS number within practice

GP's approve list of patients

Systmone

EMIS

Searches for trial eligibility by TCR remotely

Snomed based inclusions/exclusions

Primary Care Practice



# Follow up



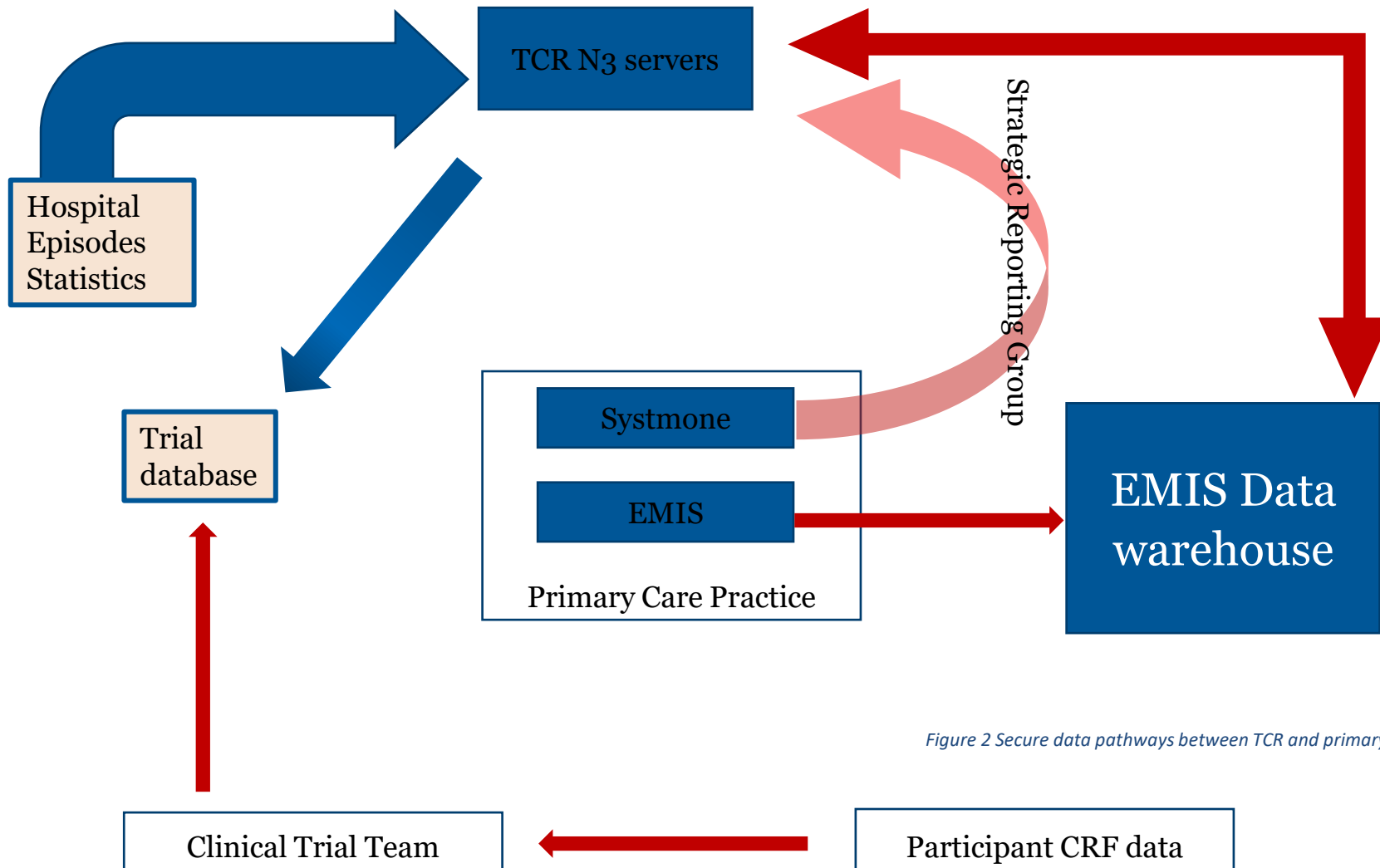


Figure 2 Secure data pathways between TCR and primary care practices



<b>Date Of Report</b>	<b>05/01/2024</b>
<b>Total Packages Mailed To GP Practices</b>	<b>392</b>
<b>Activated GP Practices</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>GP Practices That Have Performed Patient Searches</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>GP Practices That Have Mailed Out Invitation Letters</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>Number Of Letters Sent</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>Number Of Non Responders Letters Sent</b>	<b>536</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Consented</b>	<b>99</b>



# Large Efficient Simple trials

## Works best

- Eligibility is a prevalent condition
- Can be identified by routine coding
- Intervention does not require GP
- Outcome to be coded (e.g. HEAT, STATIC) though not necessarily (VESPER, Vascular Platform trials, other NIHR submissions in process)



# Challenges

- Changes in coding systems
- NHS security and governance approvals
- Preparation is key for a smooth delivery
- Pressures in primary care / time for research
- Getting CRN on board, limiting factor by how many CRN practices are willing to participate ~ 500 practices (IBD prevalence of ~1%, with a standard practice size of 10,000 patients).

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