

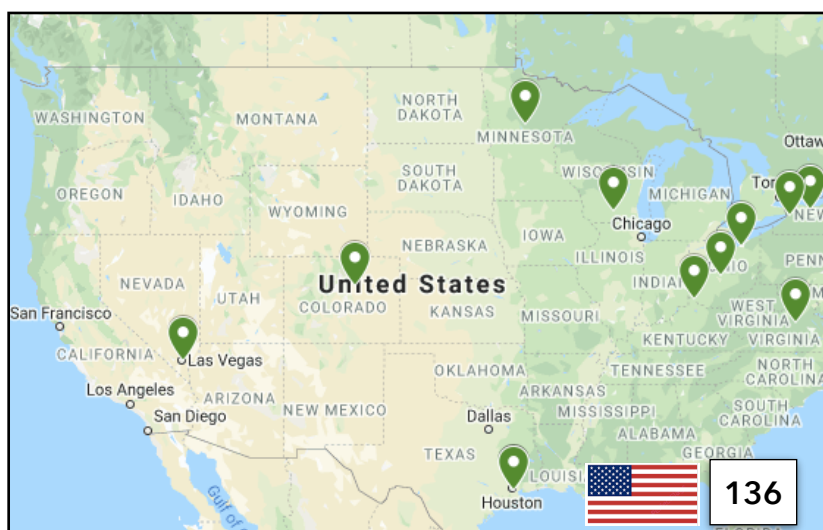


# JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

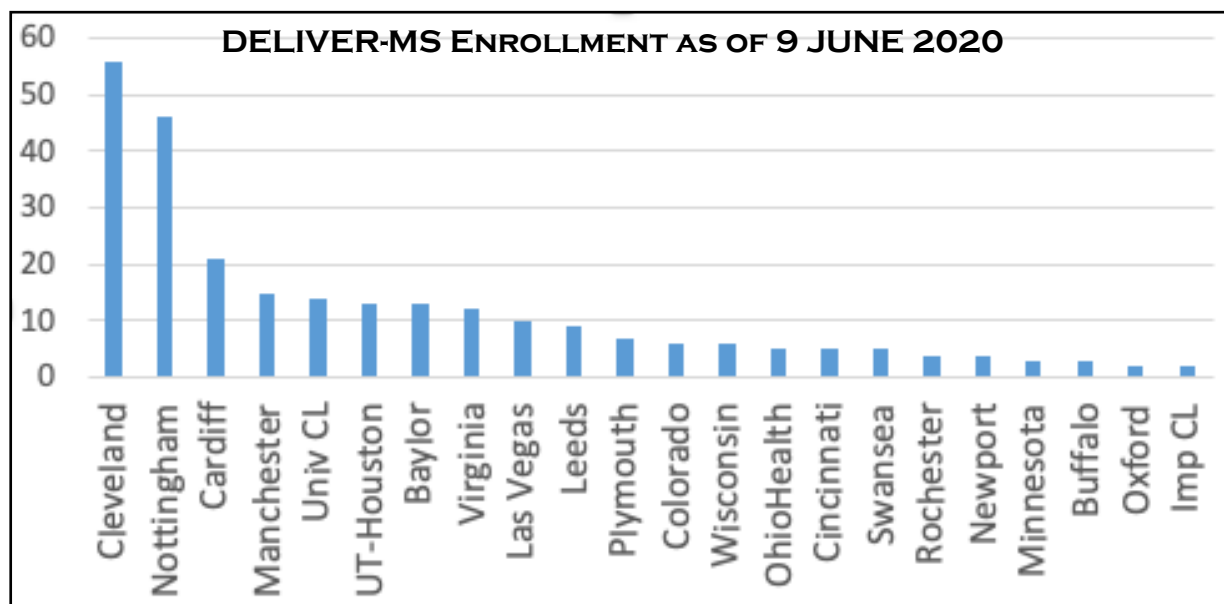
Does early treatment with highly effective DMT improve prognosis for people with MS?

## WELCOME TO THE DELIVER-MS NEWSLETTER

We hope that the pressures of COVID-19 are easing somewhat and that you are starting to see a return to more normal MS services.



We have continued to see a low level of recruitment activity this month but we remain optimistic as the prevalence of COVID-19 falls and MS centres start prescribing DMTs again for newly diagnosed patients. Even if you are concerned about infection risks, we remind you that any eligible patient who is attending your centre to commence DMT can be screened into the Observational Arm and you have 90 days to acquire baseline data. Please keep us updated about your progress in restarting routine research visits



## INTRODUCING AIMEE - UK PROJECT MANAGER

It is a pleasure to welcome Aimee Hibbert who will be UK Project Manager for DELIVER-MS while Harriet is on maternity leave.

Aimee was born in Nottingham and absolutely loves living there. She studied Biomedical Sciences at the University of Birmingham for 3 years but was glad to return to her home town and doesn't think she'll ever live anywhere else!

Aimee previously worked as a healthcare assistant caring for people with neurological disease. Working in this environment inspired Aimee to pursue research, contributing to changes in neurological treatments. Last year she became a research practitioner, co-ordinating a range of clinical trials but she says DELIVER MS was always her favourite!





Aimee lives with her parents at the moment while she saves for a place of her own. She has really missed her kickboxing practice during the COVID-19 lockdown (she's a black belt!). But in the meantime, she loves exploring new walks in the Peak District (near Nottingham) and says "nothing compares to getting to the peak of a route and taking in the incredible views!".

Aimee is passionate about the success of the DELIVER-MS trial as she feels it will improve the lives of people with MS. So far, Aimee has loved being part of the international DELIVER-MS team and says "the team spirit is incredible! I feel I have found a team of like-minded people, who share my passion for clinical research so I am thankful to be part of it."



Aimee's message to the wider DELIVER-MS team is: "Continue to keep safe and let's wish DELIVER MS a successful second half of the year – I'm excited to start working more closely and supporting you all over the next year!"

**WELCOME TO THE DELIVER-MS TEAM, AIMEE !**

## NEWS FROM THE DELIVER-MS TEAM

-  Updates to the public-facing website now include a FAQ section, and some feedback from existing participants. Don't forget to take a look [www.deliver-ms.com](http://www.deliver-ms.com).
  -  The MS Society UK did a follow-up piece on the equipoise between EHT and escalation <https://www.mssociety.org.uk/research/latest-research/latest-research-news-and-blogs/is-early-intensive-treatment-best>.
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## FINAL THOUGHTS

-  We look forward to hearing from you as your research services reopen.
-  Do reach out to us with any questions about the running of DELIVER-MS at your site and we will be happy to advise.