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In addition to interviewing and assessing many children and their families as well as nearly 200 adults with TBI, members of the BIONiC team have provided valuable support to those individuals experiencing mental health issues. People identified as in need of further guidance have been provided with information and support on how to access appropriate services. The feedback we've had from both participants and their families/whanau has been very positive and we're very pleased to be able to help!

Thank you

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many GPs, Physiotherapists, hospital staff and other professionals throughout Hamilton and the Waikato who have been so supportive of this research.

Meet the new members of the team



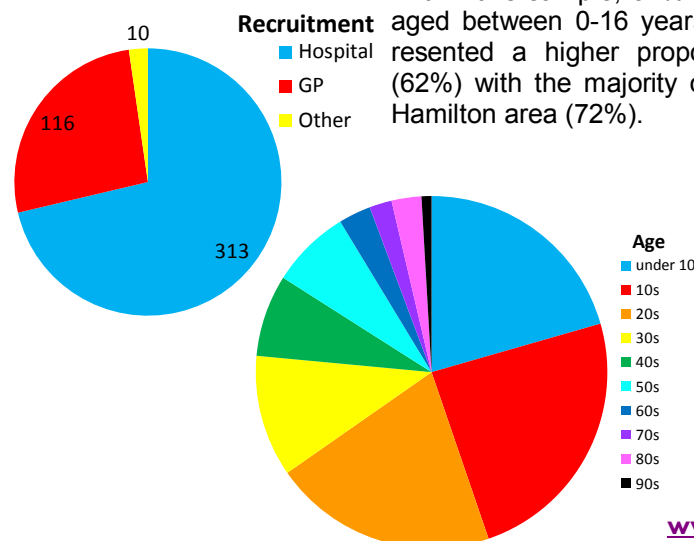
First of all, we would like to introduce our new Study Manager **Kelly Hood** [left] who has done a fantastic job stepping into a busy role! She joins our other Study Manager, **Amy Jones** [middle left]. Also, due to the consistently high number of referrals being received, two new Clinical Researchers have recently joined the hardworking BIONiC team, **Stefann Janse Van Vuuren** [middle right] and **Kenneth Matthews** [right]

Recruitment update

It has been three months since the launch of the BIONiC population based study co-ordinated by the National Research Centre for Stroke, Applied Sciences and Neurorehabilitation (NRC-SANN), Auckland in collaboration with Waikato University.

During the first 12 weeks of the study, Waikato-based Clinical Researchers from AUT University recorded a total of 439 individuals in the Hamilton and Waikato area presenting with mild-severe TBI.

Within this sample, 32% of participants were children aged between 0-16 years. Interestingly, males represented a higher proportion of this early sample (62%) with the majority of referrals coming from the Hamilton area (72%).



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