

Collaborative Working Project Executive Summary

Collaboration between Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust and Johnson & Johnson for a Haematology Outreach Service

Project Title:

A Collaborative Working Agreement between Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust and Johnson & Johnson will partner in the development and implementation of a 11-month pilot to assess the impact of an Outreach Service to deliver treatments to myeloma patients at home, to maximise the available capacity in the Haematology Outpatients Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy.

Partner Organisations:

Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7EH

Johnson and Johnson company, 50-100 Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe HP12 4EG.

Project Rational:

The Haematology Outpatient (OP) SACT suite is currently operating at its maximum capacity, resulting in delays to initiating treatment and long waiting times for patients on the day of treatment.

The Trust believe an outreach service, delivering myeloma treatments at home or closer to home, would resolve the capacity pressures in the Haematology OP SACT service, and enable staff to be better aligned to support the treatment pathway to ensure patients receive optimal and timely treatment, as well as reducing travel burden on patients and increasing patient satisfaction.

Project Period:

Feb 2026 – Dec 2026.

Project Objectives:

For Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust and Johnson & Johnson to partner in the development and implementation of an 11-month pilot to assess the impact of an Outreach Service to deliver myeloma treatments.

The project's success will be measured through defined measurements which will include

- performance vs national 31-day & 62-day targets
- impact on patient waiting times on day of treatment
- Nil measurable inequities for any defined demographic groups
- measurement of patient and staff satisfaction.

To deliver the Outreach Service, the Trust will recruit an appropriate skilled and trained full time nurse or part-time nurses, and as a component of the collaboration Johnson & Johnson will fund the outreach nurse to a maximum value of £65,000.

Benefits

Patient Specific:

Myeloma patients will experience reductions in treatment delays and reduced waiting times on day of treatment. It will also reduce travelling times and costs incurred if treated within the Outreach Service.

NHS Specific:

Relieve Haematology OP SACT Service Unit capacity challenges by creating additional capacity to thereby more efficiently deliver myeloma treatments.

Develop an Outreach Service that delivers optimal treatment for myeloma patients and enables equity of treatment for all demographics.

Johnson & Johnson company specific:

Produce an example of a successful collaboration with NHS which can be used as a case study to be shared and utilised with other NHS organisations, to develop and scale solutions to similar capacity challenges to improve patient care

Resource Allocation

Johnson & Johnson will provide a maximum of £65,000 to fund the nursing resource to deliver the outreach service.

In addition, 72 hours of Johnson & Johnson colleagues' time will be provided to support the project through all stages of delivery from planning, project management and evaluation.

Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust will provide 520 hours of time to the project.

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