

Collaborative Working Project Executive Summary

Improving capacity and service delivery challenges in prostate cancer through enhanced patient education.

Project Title

A collaborative Working Agreement between Stockport NHS Foundation Trust and Johnson and Johnson to improve capacity and service delivery challenges in prostate cancer through enhanced patient education.

Partner Organisations

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, Poplar Grove, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK2 7JE

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

Project Rational

The Trust deals with high volumes of patients and has identified that patient education has become an issue within the prostate cancer clinics. Many patients are unable to retain the information given to them in their appointments and find patient information leaflets unhelpful. This has led to a high number of patients ringing the Cancer Nurse Specialist (CNS) helpline, consuming precious NHS time and creating extra appointments to redeliver education.

The Trust have identified that addressing capacity and service delivery challenges in prostate cancer, through enhancing patient education, may enable the Trust to improve patient care, service delivery, and increase both quality and capacity.

Project Period

October 2025 – October 2026.

Project Objectives

Patient Specific:

Reduction in time for patients to access appropriate treatments. A reduction in delay for patients for follow-up and review of their treatment thereby having a potential to reduce complications associated with their treatment. Improvement in patient experience by ensuring a quicker more streamlined process to treatment decisions.

NHS Specific:

Reduce Cancer waiting times, including improving the Faster Diagnosis Standard and 62-day first treatment target and reducing backlogs. Reduce the burden on the Trust by reducing repeat appointments. Facilitating faster access to specialist services for appropriate patients.

Johnson and Johnson company specific:

Greater understanding of the needs of the patients in Prostate Cancer. Potential appropriate use of J&J medicines. Remove inequalities and tackle the challenges of access to services, improving health outcomes and health inequalities.

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