



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Improving Medical Retina Services for Patients in Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Project partners	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Bayer plc
Project summary	<p>Bayer plc and Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust worked in partnership under a joint working agreement with an aim to increase the capacity of the macular service through increasing staff and providing equipment for a newly converted treatment area.</p> <p>This increased capacity in the macular clinic aimed to improve patient care by increasing the number of medical retina patients being diagnosed and treated in line with national guidelines.</p> <p>The newly refurbished space along with a more efficient patient flow through the clinic aimed to improve patient experience by reducing the time to the first treatment and enable optimal follow up and retreatment of patients with retinal conditions.</p>
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Benefits for Patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aimed to improve patient outcomes by receiving treatment in line with NICE guidance• Aimed to speed up access to medical retina services for new patients• Aimed to reduce waiting times improving patient outcomes and eliminating anxiety for patients and carers <p>Benefits for NHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aimed to implement service expansion for medical retina patients in line with the Trust's ophthalmology strategy• The aspiration was that more out of area ophthalmology patients could be treated by Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

	<p>Benefits for Bayer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimed to improve reputation by demonstrating commitment and willingness to invest in improving patient care through fully a transparent joint working agreement with Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust • Aimed to improve NICE-approved medicines optimisation of injectable therapies, of which Bayer has one, in line with national guidelines • Aimed to build a deeper understanding of Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust medical retina department and its patients' needs
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