

University Hospitals North Midlands (UHNM) Partnership: Developing an optimisation model for Cancer MDTs

Summary of Collaborative Working Project	This project is a collaborative working initiative between the University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM) and Regeneron UK Ltd ("Regeneron") to develop a model aimed at optimising Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) involved in cancer care. MDTs are crucial in providing comprehensive and coordinated care to cancer patients, ensuring that expertise from various disciplines is leveraged to create tailored treatment plans. However, the complexity and variability of cancer cases can sometimes lead to inefficiencies and inconsistencies in decision-making processes.
The organisations involved	University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 6QG Regeneron The Charter Building, Vine Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1JG
Objectives of the Project	- Develop a process and supporting materials to optimise 3 specialist oncology MDTs within UHNM. - To share learning to support MDT optimisation across other cancer MDT within UHNM.
Expected outcomes	Patients - Reduction in delays, leading to more efficient communication to patients from the MDT, and therefore an opportunity to support patients along the process. - Earlier communication of a treatment plan, due to a more efficient MDT process. - Improved patient outcomes. UHNM - Potential improvement in use of limited staff resources when supporting the MDT process. - Improvements in staff satisfaction. - Enhance quality of service. - Improve cancer waiting times performance. - Development and publication of case study relating to MDT streamlining. Regeneron - Building a collaborative working relationship with the NHS - Showing evidence of expertise and offering to support optimal care for patients. - May provide improved access to treatments in line with NICE guidance which may or may not include Regeneron medicines.
Time Frame	Feb 2025 – January 2026