



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Improving Medical Retina Services for Patients by Increasing Treatment Capacity in South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Project partners	South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Bayer plc
Project summary	Bayer plc and South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are working in partnership under a joint working agreement to increase the capacity of the Macular service through conversion of a new space adjacent to the Eye Clinic. The increased capacity in the macular clinic will aim to improve patient care by increasing the percentage of medical retina patients being diagnosed and offered treatment in line with national guidelines. The newly refurbished space along with a more efficient patient flow through the clinic will result in an improved patient experience.
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Patients will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care adhering to NICE guidelines providing optimal outcomes• Improved patient experience <p>The NHS will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service expansion for medical retina patients in line with Trust Ophthalmology strategy• Meeting the needs of local commissioners• Having a service which can be optimally aligned to treatment outcomes and efficiencies <p>Bayer will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved reputation by demonstrating commitment and willingness to invest in improving patient care through a fully transparent joint working agreement with South Tees Hospital• Improving NICE-approved medicines optimisation of injectable therapies, of which Bayer's aflibercept is one, in line with national guidelines due to improving capacity for provision• Better understanding of South Tees Hospital medical retina department and its patients needs
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