



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Creation of virtual clinics for patients with diabetic retinopathy in Leeds
Project partners	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Bayer Plc
Project summary	To introduce virtual clinics for patients with diabetic retinopathy in Leeds, aiming to enhance the patient pathway to increase capacity to follow-up and treat patients with a range of retinal diseases.
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p><u>Patients</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timely and convenient access for patients and carers with increased and dedicated administrative support to help reduce missed appointments <p><u>Leeds Eye Clinic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The optimised pathway utilising virtual clinics should result in more efficient working releasing more consultant time with patients• It is expected that image grading may be more accurate than traditional, slit lamp grading and there will be better capture of data for the Regional Screening Programme <p><u>Bayer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early identification of symptomatic disease and increased capacity for delivery of appropriate NICE approved treatments of which Bayer has one• An example of working in partnership with the NHS to deliver innovative service improvements for patients with retinal disease and to build reputation
Start date	5 th September 2016

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