



## Joint Working Executive Summary

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<b>Project title</b>	Improving Capacity and Medical Retina Services for Patients at Yeovil Hospital
<b>Project partners</b>	Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Bayer plc
<b>Project summary</b>	<p>The ophthalmology service in Yeovil has grown significantly over the last 4 years and has now reached a point where demand is outstripping capacity, therefore investment is required to redesign the service to make improvements which aim to enable demand to be managed over the next 5 years.</p> <p>The project will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workforce redesign, where appropriate HCPs will be trained in the use of new imaging technology, and trained to give treatment to patients according to agreed pathways</li><li>• Implementation of new technology which aims to allow improvements in the management of medical retina patients, as well as an increase in the number of patients that can be imaged and treated within the eye unit</li><li>• Initiation of virtual clinics for medical retina patients, as well as for patients referred from the diabetic screening service and additional macular treatment clinics</li></ul> <p>These changes will be implemented and embedded by the redesign of patient pathways and ongoing training and development of staff.</p>
<b>Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer</b>	<p><b>Benefits for Patients:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aims to improve patient outcomes by receiving treatment in line with NICE guidance</li><li>• Aims to speed up time to diagnosis and first treatment</li><li>• Aims to reduce the need for patients having to travel long distances to other centres for complex conditions and diagnosis</li><li>• Aims to increase access to imaging technology</li></ul> <p><b>Benefits for the NHS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aims to reduce costs associated with out of area referrals</li><li>• Aims to improve staff satisfaction and retention by workforce redesign and an increase in opportunities for development</li></ul>

	<p><b>Benefits for Bayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An example of working in partnership with the NHS with an aim to deliver service improvements for patients across an entire ophthalmology service and to build reputation</li> <li>• Aim to improve NICE-approved medicines optimisation of injectable therapies, of which Bayer has one, in line with national guidelines due to improving capacity for provision</li> <li>• Aim to build a deeper understanding of Yeovil Hospital and patients' needs</li> </ul>
<b>Start date</b>	September 2017

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