



Collaborative Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Optimising prostate Cancer Services: A Nurse-led Joint Working Approach
Project partners	The Christie Cancer Centre and Bayer plc
Project summary	<p>All prostate cancer patients should have access to Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP) led clinics to provide high quality, personalised cancer care across Greater Manchester. Further ACP support will allow patients to have access to a dedicated SACT clinic and allow the introduction of Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) to the service. To achieve this there would need to be significant investment and expansion of the Uro-Oncology team.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to address increased referral management within the Uro-Oncology team and recruit a whole time equivalent (WTE) Advanced Clinical Practitioner. The addition of an ACP will mean patients have access to ACP led clinics and personalised cancer care.</p> <p>Additionally, the project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage the 30% increase in referrals to the Uro-Oncology team at The Christie in the past 5 years.• To make available one Advanced Clinical Practitioner to prostate cancer patients providing end to end care.• Facilitate optimal patient management by working collaboratively across the system and enhancing patient experience.• Efficiently manage referrals to Oncologist and Uro-Oncology teams by utilising an advanced clinical practitioner led service.• Disseminate findings to colleagues within the local service, and the wider network, to promote best practice across the Cancer Alliance.

<p>Expected benefits to patients/patient care/NHS and Bayer</p>	<p>Expected benefits for patients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to resolve variation in access to Advanced Clinical Practitioners and standardise care for prostate cancer patients across Greater Manchester. • Aims to improve patient experience and optimise treatment options through personalised health needs assessment and referral management. • Aims to manage increasing demand from new referrals through a new and enhanced patient pathway that includes the addition of a Advanced Clinical Practitioner. <p>Expected benefits for NHS are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient management of referrals to Oncologists and multi-disciplinary teams through coordinating care. • Aims to maintain quality standards for The Christie Hospital and comply with best practice recommendations through increased access to ACP services. • Aims to use Oncologist time for complex cases through optimised pathways that define a clear pathway for patients. <p>Expected benefits for Bayer are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to demonstrate a strong and trusted partnership with The Christie Cancer Centre, a leading Cancer Centre in the North West and has the potential to be shared and adopted by peers. • Increased access to cancer services will support increased assessment of patients and ensure right treatment choices are made for patients. • More patients to have access to recently approved and available treatments because of personalised care pathways.
<p>Start date</p>	<p>September 2025</p>

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