



Joint Working Executive Summary

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<b>Project title</b>	Creation of virtual clinics for patients with diabetic retinopathy in Leeds
<b>Project partners</b>	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Bayer Plc
<b>Project summary</b>	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.
<b>Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer</b>	<p><u>Patients</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timely and convenient access for patients and carers with increased and dedicated administrative support to help reduce missed appointments</li></ul> <p><u>Leeds Eye Clinic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The optimised pathway utilising virtual clinics should result in more efficient working releasing more consultant time with patients</li><li>• 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</li></ul> <p><u>Bayer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early identification of symptomatic disease and increased capacity for delivery of appropriate NICE approved treatments of which Bayer has one</li><li>• An example of working in partnership with the NHS to deliver innovative service improvements for patients with retinal disease and to build reputation</li></ul>
<b>Start date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016

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