



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Lothian Nurse Led Age-Related Macular Degeneration Service
Project partners	NHS Lothian and Bayer plc
Project summary	The aim of the project was to initiate a nurse led Age-Related Macular Degeneration Service to improve time to patient assessment and treatment, reduce the time spent within the unit for patients and thereby improve patient experience.
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Patients-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time to assessment and treatment will aim to meet best practice guidance from the Royal College of Ophthalmology of 2 weeks to assessment and a further 2 weeks to treatment• Aim to reduce the duration of visit time from the current 3 hours on average to 1.5 hours• Aim for a better experience of the healthcare system with resulting increased patient satisfaction <p>NHS Lothian-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim to Improve clinical efficiency through having increased capacity within the AMD service• Aim to improve patient and carer satisfaction with their local service• Aim to deliver improved patient outcomes in a manner which is resource-efficient and cost effective for the NHS <p>Bayer-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim to improve reputation by demonstrating commitment and willingness to invest in improving patient care through a fully transparent Joint Working Agreement with NHS Lothian• Aim to improve SMC-approved medicines optimisation of injectable therapies, of which Bayer has one, in line with national guidelines due to improving capacity and efficiency of provision• Aim to build a better understanding of NHS Lothian and patients' needs
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