



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Improving Medical Retina Services for Patients in Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Project partners	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Bayer plc
Project summary	<p>Bayer plc and Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust are working in partnership under a joint working agreement to increase the capacity of the macular service through increasing staff and providing appropriate equipment for a newly converted treatment area.</p> <p>This increased capacity in the macular clinic will aim to improve patient care by increasing the number of medical retina patients being diagnosed and treated in line with national guidelines.</p> <p>The newly refurbished space along with a more efficient patient flow through the clinic will result in an improved patient experience by reducing the time to the first treatment and enable timely follow up and retreatment of patients with retinal conditions.</p>
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Patients will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care adhering to NICE guidelines providing optimal outcomes• Rapid access to medical retina services for new patients• Reduced waiting times improving patient outcomes and eliminating anxiety for patients & carers <p>The NHS will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service expansion for medical retina patients in line with the Trust ophthalmology strategy• Meeting the needs of local commissioners• Having a service which can be optimally aligned to treatment outcomes and efficiencies <p>Bayer will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved reputation by demonstrating commitment and willingness to invest in improving patient care through a fully transparent joint working agreement with Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust• Improving NICE-approved medicines optimisation of injectable therapies, of which Bayer's aflibercept is one, in line with national guidelines• Better understanding of Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust medical retina department and its patients' needs
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