

**Executive Summary**  
**Collaborative Working Project Immunology**

**Organisations involved**

Barts NHS Trust / AbbVie

**Summary**

This collaboration aims to improve health and quality of life of people with Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases (IMID) through developing a patient-centered care model for IMID; centralising care in a Centre of Excellence (CoE). This requires a patient-oriented functional structure that integrates health professionals around IMID diseases in a coordinated manner, with the common goal of making effective use of available resources and improving patient experience and health outcomes.

The project will start in July 2024 and run for 2 years.

**Background**

Limited NHS resources demand reform of services which deliver high quality of care and can be shown to be cost efficient. Patients suffering from multiple IMIDs are heavily dependent on a traditional model of care, which is fragmented and based on individual specialties, not offering streamlined and joined up care, with a high budgetary impact.

**Project Objectives**

- Raise the Standards of Care for patients with complex multiple IMIDs
- Improve health outcomes and experience of patients with IMID
- Ensure all HCPs involved in the patient journey are supported to expand the skills and enable the optimum use of advanced practitioners
- Develop an integrated patient pathway
- Demonstrate success and the viability of CoE

**Benefits**

**Benefits to patient**

- Improve quality and consistency of care for patients with complex multiple IMID
- Enhanced patient satisfaction and empowering patients to access specialist services when needed
- A reduction in routine outpatient appointments saving patients time and costs associated with coming into hospital
- Reduction of hospital admissions and A&E visits
- Minimise disruptions to people's lives as centralised care

**Benefits to the NHS**

- First CoE for IMID in UK
- Optimisation of service delivery by centralising care, patient data and appointments enhancing / streamlining specialist service provision

- Co-ordination of patient care and multidisciplinary teamwork / cross functional working between specialties
- Greater understanding of costs associated with current IMID services

### **Benefits to AbbVie**

- Demonstrated partner of choice for opportunities to improve patient standards of care
- Support AbbVie's position as leaders within the immunology landscape creating first CoE for IMID patients
- Gain better understanding of the NHS challenges to provide specialist patient care to inform further initiatives to improve standards of care
- The outcomes of the Collaborative Working (CW) will be fed back into the ongoing work of the national report as a demonstration of proof of concept

### **Funding and Resources**

This project is a shared contribution of time between Barts NHS Trust and AbbVie. Funding for meeting space, resulting meeting materials and £49,999 for 1 year of an IMID Coordinator will be provided by AbbVie.

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