

Collaborative Project between Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and AbbVie Ltd

Executive Summary Collaborative working project Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

This is an executive summary outlining Collaborative Working between Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and AbbVie Ltd, focused on the introduction of point of care ultrasound in gastroenterology to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare services.

We are undertaking this Collaborative working project to improve standards of care within IBD.

The purpose of this Collaborative working project will be to improve standards of care for existing patients within IBD by reducing delays to timely access to appropriate treatment choices for patients by introducing routine point of care ultrasound into outpatient clinics for existing patients.

In undertaking this work, the project team would aim to impact on the following specific outcomes:

- Improving the standard of care within IBD
- Redesign IBD outpatients' appointments, making better use of consultant's time by incorporating point of care ultrasound (POCUS) into outpatient clinics for existing patients.
- Aspire to Getting It Right First Time and ensure faster access to the most appropriate treatment.

Within the project the key objectives are:

- Raise the standard of care for existing IBD patients.
- Improve the patient experience of the IBD service
- Ensure timely access to appropriate treatment choice without unnecessary delay.

This project will be led by the project NHS Lead Dr Jonathan Digby Bell & AbbVie Lead Nicole Fitton.

The project effective date will be 03/02/2025 and approximate date for completion would be 05/27.

The Intended Benefits of the Project:

The Patient:

- New standardised pathway to include POCUS for the gastroenterology disease area
- Enhanced patient satisfaction
- Medicine optimisation through Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT)
- Improvements in clinical markers due to timely review
- Better patient experience.

The NHS:

- Implementation of agreed POCUS pathway allowing increased quality of care delivery and monitoring of gastroenterology conditions
- Improved patient satisfaction
- Enhanced and streamlined specialist service provision
- Provide faster access to the right treatment at the right time for the right patient.
- Map out a new way of working by redesigning care delivery which can be replicated elsewhere.

AbbVie:

- Improved reputation as a partner of choice for opportunities to improve patient standards of care
- Gain valuable insights and develop further understanding of the NHS challenges to provide specialist patient care to inform further initiatives to improve standards of care

Funding:

AbbVie: £12,490.37 plus internal personnel resource of MA project lead (to co-ordinate & lead project). Financial resource to be used for backfilling of clinic time (Clinical Nurse Specialist and Consultant Gastroenterologist) which will equate to 9 weeks over an 18 month time frame to allow for the pathway to be redesigned and reconfiguration for inclusion of POCUS within the clinics plus time to review the data and write up the project.

NHS team: Will contribute an equal amount through personnel resources to lead project from RDUH, the availability of an ultrasound machine and admin & clinic time to incorporate POCUS (1 clinic a week) for duration of project and gather required data.

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