



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Improving Medical Retina Services for Patients by Increasing Treatment Capacity in South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Project partners	South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Bayer plc
Project summary	<p>Bayer plc and South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are working in partnership under a joint working agreement with an aim of increasing the capacity of the Macular service through conversion of a new space adjacent to the Eye Clinic.</p> <p>The increased capacity in the macular clinic will aim to improve patient care by increasing the percentage of medical retina patients being diagnosed and offered treatment in line with national guidelines. The newly refurbished space along with a more efficient patient flow through the clinic aims to improve the patient experience.</p>
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Patients will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved outcomes by receiving treatment in line with NICE guidance• Improved patient experience through the provision of a new clinical space and optimised patient pathway <p>The NHS will benefit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service expansion for medical retina patients in line with Trust Ophthalmology strategy• Improved clinical efficiency through having increased capacity within the Macular service• Meeting the needs of local commissioners <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 South Tees Hospital• Improving uptake of NICE-approved injectable therapies, of which Bayer has one, in line with national guidelines due to capacity expansion• Better understanding of South Tees Hospital medical retina department and its patients needs
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