



JOINT WORKING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Title: Royal Marsden - Chemotherapy Closer to Home.

Organisations involved:

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and Roche Products Ltd.

Project description:

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (RMNFT) have approached Roche Products Ltd to work in collaboration under joint working to develop and evaluate a new hospital run oncology homecare service, where care is delivered to patients by trust nurses, instead of traditional third party organisations.

The overarching objective of this project is to develop a model which will deliver the RMNFT vision for this service:

“Specialist cancer care with expert nursing in patients’ homes; combining our medical day unit, pharmacy and community teams to deliver a fully integrated service across a wide geography.”

The project is part of the initial phase of the Trust’s Medicines Optimisation – Chemotherapy Closer to Home plan. The objective of the programme is to identify service improvement initiatives which demonstrate:

- Safe service delivery regardless of setting
- High quality care delivered closer to home, or in flexible ways
- Improved patient experience
- Potential for more efficient use of NHS resources

A further output is the development of a resource package to enable learning and experience to be shared and transferred to other care settings.

Project approach

Phases of the Project:

Phase 1 - Initial design and set up of the service, including recruitment of two NHS nurses.

Phase 2 - Homecare service initiated and run for 12 months.

Phase 3 – Evaluation of Project

All results will be published

No clinical safety or patient outcomes associated with Roche medicines will be measured, or treatment choices modified as part of this joint working project.

Expected outcomes:

Patients

Improve access to the service for a greater number of patients covered by RMNFT.

Improve experience and optimise the delivery of systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT) treatment by reducing the need for patients to travel long distances to receive treatments.

Improve patient’s ability to provide feedback on the service they receive.

NHS

Outputs of this project will be used to develop a business plan for future full time funding of the nurse posts. RMNFT are committed to working across the integrated systems to deliver effective cancer care, improving clinical outcomes, enhancing patients' and carers' experience and quality of life. Learnings will be shared across the NHS for other sites to review and consider adoption of the model.

Roche

Outputs from the service redesign would be used to support Roche activities in development of service models with other NHS organisations.

Roche demonstration of their commitment to work in partnership with the NHS, to evolve Cancer services.

Resource Breakdown:

RMNFT will provide time resource and administrative support.

The estimated contribution to the project by RMNFT is approximately £114,500 based on prorated personnel resource equivalent.

Roche Products Ltd will provide Healthcare Projects Manager resource and a total financial resource of £100,000