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New cancer technology set for full implementation

A Working Together led project for a UK first technology solution, which is designed to speed up cancer patient referrals between NHS organisations, is in the final stages of its third and final pilot. The project, which will reduce treatment waiting times and the likelihood of

Standardising HR processes to support future collaborative working

With support from the Working Together Partnership Vanguard programme, over recent months HR leads have been engaged in work looking at streamlining and

breach occurrences between acute providers, will be fully operational in five Trusts across three tumour sites (Upper GI, Lung and Cardiothoracic) by March.

Inter-Trust messaging (ITM) has been developed thanks to the Working Together Partnership Vanguard and a technology data management company using their InfoFlex Cancer Management system, which is already used in *the majority* Trusts. The Inter-Trust element allows patient data that has been inputted into the system at a referring Trust, to automatically be added to the cancer trackers worklist for the receiving trust, it also encourages an enhanced level of information exchange through sending the decisions made about the patient from the multidisciplinary team meetings to the receiving Trust.

The new system will reduce the need for transcribing, ensure the information is received by the correct health professional in a timely manner and reduces the risk of errors, all of which contribute to an improved service for the patient.

Michael Rodgers, IT workstream lead for the Working Together Vanguard said: “Inter-Trust messaging is an exciting project, which will deliver a whole range of benefits for health professionals working in cancer services, and ultimately to patients.

standardising of Trust systems and processes. This includes; recruitment, eRostering, bank and agency management, and mandatory and statutory training (MAST), with progress being made in a number of areas.

All South Yorkshire Trusts have confirmed that they will formally align with “core skills training framework” covering the 10 core MAST subject areas. This will enable increased ‘passporting’ of training between Trusts, as well as create consistency in the frequency between which training needs refreshing. Trust leads have also identified opportunities to align around the length of face to face training sessions, and identify how by working together they can make better use of e-learning systems.

Medical staffing leads from the Trusts in Barnsley, Doncaster and Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, North Lincolnshire, and from Sheffield Children’s Trust have been working together to identify ways to improve bank and agency management, and from February are seeking to pilot a collaborative bank system, which aims to reduce agency by sharing bank shifts across Trusts where they can not be filled internally.

A joint tender between Chesterfield, Sheffield Teaching, Sheffield Children’s and Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Trusts for management of non-medical bank staff is due to be complete by the end of March which will be an important step towards standardisation and collaboration.

“Over the past year a number of pilots have taken place, each identifying issues that we wanted to fix before fully rolling the system out. We were very keen that when we came to full implementation everything worked to its maximum potential, so that the system really is as useful as possible for improving information exchange between professionals.”



Radiology day brings together service leaders to agree future direction

Recruitment leads across Trusts have also been engaged in identifying collaborative opportunities to reduce “time to hire” as a means of reducing vacancy levels. The group has agreed a number of initiatives including adoption of “factual referencing”, which reduces administrative requirements that extend the time required for a new staff member to commence their role at Trusts.

The work across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw is feeding into the development of national HR streamlining strategy.

Latest success in joint procurement makes £379k saving

The Working Together Radiology strategy day was held on 25 January and was well attended by Trust radiology leaders and workstream leads from the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Accountable Care System (ACS), who were looking at how the radiology models are working and developing and can become part of the ACS plans upon cessation of the vanguard programme in April 2018.

Presenters included NHS Improvement and Sheffield Hallam University. Whilst all accepted there are some large challenges to overcome, some important principles were agreed. Most importantly, the principle of collaborative working was reaffirmed, sharing capacity where this is feasible, and recognising that this will require shared IT to fully realise. Workforce was also a major theme, with a need to better explore and standardise the use of reporting radiographers.

A phased programme of quicker and longer-term 'wins' will now be developed and taken to the Radiology Network Management Board.

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The latest in the many successful joint procurements over the course of the Working Together Partnership is the signing of a 3 year deal on sutures. The partnership of Trusts signing up to the new contract includes all the South Yorkshire Trusts, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Trust and Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. The joint procurement will save £379,000 across the seven Trusts, which they will be able to reinvest in patient care.

National report on collaboration features a number of Working Together Vanguard Case Studies

A national report published in January 2018 'No hospital is an island – learning from the acute care collaborations' has highlighted a number of successes of the Working Together Partnership Vanguard, including the Committees in Common framework, procurement savings, and examples of clinical and corporate collaboration. [Read the report.](#)

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