

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) Adult ADHD Service, Adult Mental Health Service (AMHS), Primary Care and Takeda

Joint Working Project Summary

The NHFT Adult ADHD Service, AMHS, Primary Care and Takeda are embarking on a joint working venture to improve services for adults with or suspected as having a diagnosis of ADHD. The parties have agreed that the Project should be undertaken in accordance with the principles and guidance relating to joint working between the NHS and the pharmaceutical industry.

The Project's primary aim is to contribute to deliver a sustainable Integrated Adult ADHD Care Pathway that meets demand and capacity issues in the Tertiary Adult ADHD Service, Secondary Care AMHS and Primary Care. The Integrated Adult ADHD Care Pathway will be developed in two phases; phase one involves expanding the role of ADHD Nurse Specialists to support the Tertiary Adult ADHD Service and Secondary Care AMHS. Phase two of the Project will focus on Primary Care Education on Adult ADHD delivered by Tertiary and Secondary Care Adult ADHD Specialists; with the view to enhance current shared care protocols and Primary Care taking the lead on Annual Reviews for patients with a diagnosis of ADHD who are stable and do not require ongoing monitoring from Secondary/Tertiary Care Mental Health Services.

The anticipated benefits to the Integrated Adult ADHD Service are as follows:

1. Improved Patient Health Outcomes
2. Improved service user satisfaction
3. Improved quality of care
4. Benefits to the NHS
5. Improved clinician satisfaction

The financial commitments of both parties, NHFT and Takeda, are similar and significant. It is anticipated that the Project will commence in January 2022. Firstly, with the service evaluation design and then the recruitment of a nurse specialist. It will continue for a period of at least 24 months, ending in April 2024. Takeda are providing 55% of the funding with a total amount of £118,917, consisting of project management, part-time funding for a nurse specialist, the service evaluation and training for primary care. The NHS are providing 45% of the funding with a total amount of £95,444, consisting of project management, clinical supervision, part-time funding for a nurse specialist and training for primary care. Based on these calculations it is agreed that both Takeda and the Trust are making a significant contribution to this project which is compliant with the ABPI Code of Conduct.

The Project is expected to bring benefits to the patient, NHFT, Primary Care and Takeda.

The objective of the joint working Project is to improve the patient journey by increasing the capacity within Tertiary and Secondary Care Adult Mental Health Services. A further goal is to upskill Primary Care in the management of adults with or suspected as having a diagnosis of ADHD. It is designed to support:

- Patients reaching their optimal level of functioning sooner
- Increased clinical capacity within the team

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- Reduced waiting times
- More effective assessment, treatment and interventions
- Training for relevant medical and non-medical practitioners

It is anticipated that a report on the outcomes from this joint working will be published in 2024.

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