

MSD and NHS in collaboration: Working together to support chemotherapy infusion suites with capacity challenges



Capacity challenges in the administration of intravenous chemotherapy

NHS hospital trusts are facing challenges in the administration of cancer treatments in their chemotherapy infusion suites potentially due to:



Increasing patient numbers compared with current demand¹



New treatments becoming available²



Staff sickness³



Unfilled vacancies³

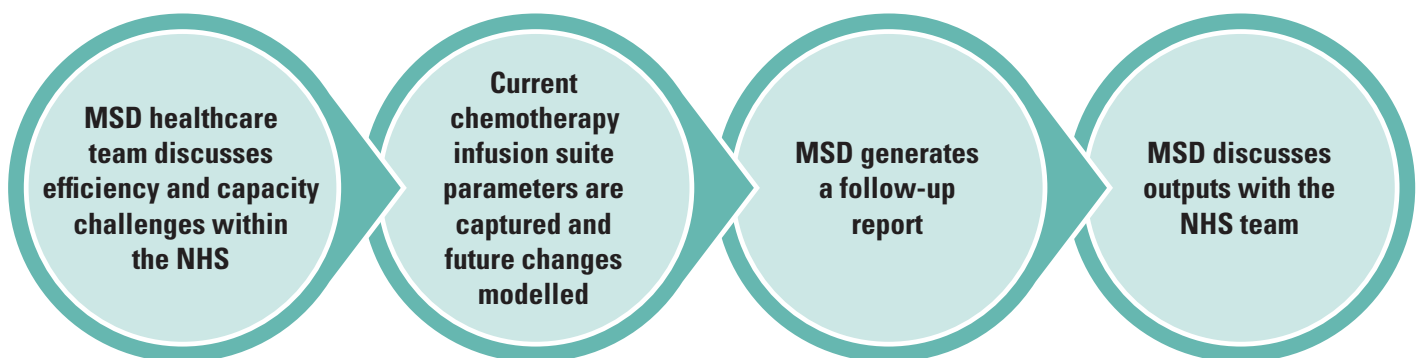
This inability to meet the demand for treatment administration may have a negative effect on patients' health,⁴ which may further affect their eligibility for some treatment regimens and could lead to a breach in cancer treatment targets.⁵

How can MSD help optimise current capacity and service efficiency within NHS hospital trusts?

MSD have a healthcare team dedicated to:

- Understanding the current demands of chemotherapy infusion suites
- Facilitating conversations and workshops
- Modeling scenarios to explore potential solutions

MSD have created a capacity insights tool to help identify and model the demands of local cancer treatment services, enabling NHS hospital trusts to adjust various parameters to visualise the impact of current and future demands.



MSD are committed to working in partnership with the NHS to enhance current capacity and service delivery. Please use the contact details below to arrange a discussion with a member of the healthcare team.

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