



# Earlier diagnosis of ovarian and kidney cancer in Brighton and Hove



This was a collaborative working project between MSD and Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB).\*

## Objective

To support Sussex ICB in addressing regional inequalities by increasing early detection and diagnosis rates of patients with ovarian and renal cancers. This collaboration aimed to enhance education for healthcare professionals (HCPs) in the form of support materials, training sessions and webinars, and increase awareness in patients through videos, leaflets and broadcasts.

## Patient benefits<sup>1</sup>



Throughout the project, there was an increase in the number of patients diagnosed with ovarian and kidney cancer at an earlier stage.<sup>‡</sup>



Ovarian cancer diagnoses at Stage 1 and 2 increased by 3.8% to 43.8%.



Kidney cancer diagnoses at Stage 1 increased by 12.6% to 57.8%.

## NHS benefits<sup>1</sup>



Improved training for HCPs, including GPs and Pharmacists in the 'earlier recognition and diagnosis of ovarian and kidney cancer'.



Development of stronger relationships across primary and secondary care, public health, university, Cancer Alliance and health innovation networks.

*"This project produced some extremely valuable outputs for both cancers that can be utilised for several years and in several settings."*

Mark Hannigan,  
Project lead

## MSD benefits<sup>1</sup>

- Demonstrated solutions that could enable early symptom identification by GPs and Pharmacists, such as additional training materials and sessions for HCPs
- Gained a better understanding of customer and patient needs in ovarian and kidney cancer
- Increased understanding of earlier detection and diagnosis in the primary care setting, as well as the challenges to inter-service diagnostic provision within secondary care
- Enabled more patients to access innovative treatments in line with NICE guidance<sup>‡</sup>

**MSD are committed to working in partnership with the NHS to enhance diagnosis and improve service delivery, across the UK. Please use the contact details below to arrange a discussion with a member of the healthcare team.**



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**Full details of this project can be found at [msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working](https://www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working)**

This link will take you to another MSD website.

\*This was a project with shared time commitment from Sussex Integrated Care System and MSD.

<sup>1</sup>Versus the pre-project baseline 6-month period; other aligned ICB activities may also have contributed to the renal increase.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>‡</sup>Which may or may not have included MSD medicines.<sup>1</sup>

**Abbreviations:** GP, general practitioner; HCP, healthcare professional; ICB, integrated care board; NHS, National Health Service; NICE, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

**Reference:** 1. MSD. Collaborative working. Available at: [www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working/](https://www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working/). Accessed: October 2025.