

Alleviating a backlog of patients with an Ovarian Cancer Maintenance Therapy (OCMT) Clinic at The Christie in Greater Manchester

This was a collaborative working project between MSD and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust.*



Objective

To set up a nurse-led OCMT clinic in Greater Manchester, in order to address the increasing volume and backlog of patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patient benefits¹



Dedicated service and point of contact for managing patient treatment.



High levels of satisfaction: 100% (N=29) of patients reported that they felt satisfied with appointments led by the Advanced Clinical Practitioner and pharmacists, and felt confident in their ongoing monitoring.



Positive patient experience: All patients were satisfied or very satisfied with the explanation of their results and treatment plan.



Reduced waiting time: For dedicated appointment slots at the OCMT clinic vs mixed clinic setting.

NHS benefits¹



Seamless and coordinated care for all patients, which is cost efficient and frees up consultant time.



Continuous improvement in service by addressing areas of clinical need. 100% (N=15) of staff felt the service improved the Gynaecology Medical Oncology patients' clinics.



Providing other hospitals and services with evidence to form business cases to adopt a similar service.



Dedicated clinic providing additional nurse time to address backlog and increasing patient volume.

MSD benefits:¹

- Benefitted from working with the reputed Christie NHS Foundation Trust
- Potentially positively impacted patients and staff through a business case, which could support future partnerships with wider NHS
- This collaboration may have enabled more patients to access innovative treatments in line with NICE guidance[†]

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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Full details of this project can be found at msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working

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[†]Which may or may not have included MSD medicines.¹

Abbreviations: NHS, National Health Service; NICE, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; OCMT, Ovarian Cancer Maintenance Therapy.

Reference: 1. MSD. Collaborative working. Available at: www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/collaborative-working/. Accessed: November 2025.

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