

Collaborative Working Project executive summary

<p align="center">Project title</p>	<p>A collaborative working project between Sanofi UK and The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to develop a dedicated Gold Standard Atopic Dermatitis service and pathway that will improve patient experience, workforce, and service capacity.</p>
<p align="center">Partner organisation/s</p>	<p>The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) Beckett Street, Leeds LS9 7TF</p> <p>Sanofi 410 Thames Valley Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1PT</p>
<p align="center">Project rationale</p>	<p>Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust is one of the largest and busiest Acute Hospitals Trusts in the UK. The Trust provides a wide range of treatments for patients with skin conditions including specialist clinics for Paediatrics, Adolescents and Skin Cancer as well as providing a minor surgery clinic.</p> <p>The Dermatology Department consists of numerous staff groups who all provide a vital role in the running of the service. Their roles are diverse, yet their aim is the same within Leeds Dermatology service which is to ‘provide the best possible care for all Dermatology patients.</p> <p>Services are delivered to a catchment area of 770,000 population and referrals come from 7 District General Hospitals including Leeds General Infirmary, St James University Hospital, Chapel Allerton, Leeds Dental Institute, Seacroft Hospital and Wharfedale Hospital.</p> <p>Referrals from primary care continue to significantly impact waiting times with many referrals coming in for Advice and Guidance as opposed to General Dermatology. The dermatology service has received an increase in referrals which has resulted in worsening outpatient waiting times.</p>
<p align="center">Project period</p>	<p>Q4 2024 – Q1 2026</p>

<p>Project objectives</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to develop the Atopic Dermatitis clinical service to provide holistic care to patients with AD ensuring appropriately skilled staff can provide adequate time to address educational needs of patients, psychological support, and ensuring the patient pathway is streamlined to ensure efficient progression through treatment.</p> <p>The objectives of the project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit a Band 6 Clinical Nurse Specialist and support with training and development in Dermatology and specifically Atopic Dermatitis. • Map and review current Atopic Dermatitis Service & Workforce identifying areas of inefficiency and gaps and identify potential changes to optimise the pathway. Map and review homecare set up within the service and processes and timeframe for initiation of prescribing and process for prescription requests and follow-up with homecare for prescription delivery and identify changes to deliver improvements. As the above elements of the project are undertaken a review of options to improve the pathway will be presented to and considered by the Project Steering Group and an action plan developed to implement agreed changes. • Undertake a review of capacity and demand within the Atopic Dermatitis biologics service and review how workforce is utilised to support delivery of the service. • Undertake a population health analysis of adults treated with biologics for atopic dermatitis to identify areas of variation and health inequality in access to biologic treatment. • Evaluate the implementation of a Clinical Nurse Specialist post and the production of a business case for Leeds Teaching Hospital to continue funding of the post. • Develop an Options Appraisal with recommendations that can be shared with Leeds GP Federation and West Yorkshire ICB to support the development of a long-term vision for an Integrated Dermatology service
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	This project will be completed by pooling resources of approximately £81,000 (Sanofi 58%, NHS 42%)
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