

Digital strategy

Purpose and aims

RM Partners is working with the NHS Healthy London Partnership (HLP) to develop a solution for cancer services. The project has identified and prioritised a selection of document types, which each of the provider Trusts in west London will begin to share via the central exchange.

The HLP is currently developing a London Health and Care Information Exchange (LHCIE) which will provide a platform to enable all London NHS and social care providers to access and to share patient documentation based on agreed pathways.

This aim is to reduce administrative delays when a patient's care is transferred from one Trust to the next, and to allow clinicians to be better informed when patients present in unplanned circumstances.

Approach

Each of the RM Partners secondary and tertiary care organisations are required to develop connectivity with the LHCIE in the first instance. Once connectivity has been achieved, the providers will start to share MDT outcomes and clinic letters for cohorts of appropriate patients as part of phase 1. The next phase is to share more clinical documents to enable a greater understanding of the patient pathway.

Where the project is being implemented

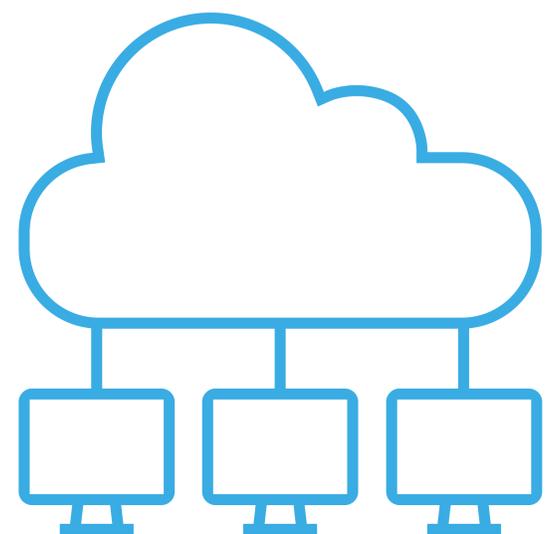
The project is being piloted at The Royal Marsden Hospital and Kingston Hospital with early learning being documented and shared with other west London providers. The project will then begin rollout to all RM Partners Trusts as they become ready to do so.

Achievements

The project has delivered a proof of concept between The Royal Marsden and Kingston Hospital to demonstrate the use of the exchange to transfer unstructured documents.

There is an established governance structure through a delivery group to manage the rollout of the exchange and to ensure it delivers benefits to the end users. The group has also agreed the groups of documents which will be shared by the exchange to ensure maximum benefit to the patient and the clinician.

Business analysis has been undertaken at a number of RM Partners sites to understand how documents in the cancer pathway are created to ensure they are made available in a timely manner.



For more information

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