

Testing a new Lung Cancer Specification Pathway – A Success Story

One of *London Cancer's* key ambitions is to refocus hospitals into working in partnership with each other, primary care and patients to deliver coordinated care for every patient.

In February 2015 *London Cancer* published a pathway specification for [lung cancer](#). This pathway specification was developed by the *London Cancer Lung Pathway Board* and aims to instigate change in the way services are delivered for lung cancer patients, encouraging a more coordinated approach.



The challenge

To test how easy it would be to adopt the changes suggested in the specification, the Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospital Trust (BHRUT) lung cancer team agreed to review the way it works. A critical change needed to adopt the pathway specification was to separate their multi-disciplinary team meetings (MDT) into two separate meetings:

1. A diagnosis and staging MDT
2. A treatment MDT.

Successful change

The aim was to reduce the workload of the lung cancer MDT, to make systems more robust and to improve the experience of patients, by adopting the guidance in the lung cancer pathway specification.

Changes made by BHRUT included:

- Creating a lung nodule MDT
- Recruiting a cancer data manager for the lung cancer MDT and administrative support
- Adopting trust wide systems for outpatient appointments and review of CT scans
- Creating a user guide for all MDTs.

These changes have improved the trust's way of working and reduced pressure on the Lung Cancer MDT.

What's next?

Going forward BHRUT aim to continue improvement works by:

- Developing a nurse-led nodule service
- Continuing to work to improve data quality
- Installing new PET scanning facilities
- Creating an outpatient clinical at BHRUT
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