

DAYS MATTER CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

Engagement Update

We successfully held provider meetings to review SMART objectives and agree on initial focus areas. These sessions were highly collaborative and set a strong foundation for the next phase.

Next Checkpoint: A progress review is scheduled for W/C 05 January 2026, where we'll assess early outcomes and refine plans as needed.

Key Achievements:

- SMART objectives aligned to FDS trajectories are now in place, providing clear direction.
- Providers have begun developing robust action plans to deliver against these objectives.

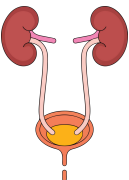


Spotlight on Provider

In future editions, we will use this section to showcase the impactful work that has taken place across our services. We're excited to hear about the excellent progress being made and the innovative approaches driving improvement.

Additional details about the featured provider will be shared through NHS Futures resources, where these examples will be highlighted as case studies to inspire and inform best practice across the system.

Key Themes by Tumour Site

Tumour Site	Focus Areas
 Breast	• University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) are working to expand capacity for first triple assessment clinics. • UHL and Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) are working to improve turnaround times for pathology and radiology, while also increasing radiology capacity. • NUH is focusing on reducing DNAs across the breast pathway and enhancing its nurse-led pain clinics.
 Gynae	• Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) continues efforts to ensure patients are appropriately removed from the Cancer PTL, such as transferring benign cases to RTT. Theatre prioritisation processes have also been strengthened to ensure patients are listed according to clinical priority (P2a, P2b, 3, 4), with consistent application across all clinicians. • CRH are also working to instigate escalation to Cancer Manager for any over 7 days for escalation with Histology. • University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB) and University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) are working to optimise take-off and pathology processes to improve turnaround times. • UHL is also focusing on delivering the principle of "right patient, right test, right procedure, right time." • University Hospitals of Northamptonshire (UHN) is working to streamline first appointment and MDT processes to support earlier decision-making and reduce pathway delays. UHN is also preparing to launch a pathway for earlier diagnosis for unscheduled bleeding referrals.
 Lower GI	• Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFHT) is focusing on transitioning from consultant-led to nurse-led activity and simplifying the triage process. • Supporting patients with bowel prep collection and adherence remains a key priority for SFHT, CRH, UHL, and UHDB. • CRH is undertaking a comprehensive review of clinic utilisation to increase capacity. • UHL and SFHT are working to reduce time to first appointment and improve CT colon turnaround times. • Lincolnshire is embedding FIT optimisation, implementing NURTEL triage for straight-to-test endoscopy, and standardising administrative processes through new diagnostic SOPs currently being rolled out. • UHN and Lincolnshire are collaborating to enhance post-MDT clinic capacity and streamline MDT processes and standards of care.
 Urology	• CRH are preparing to launch a new one-stop Haematuria clinic, which will allow patients to undergo ultrasound or CT scanning and flexible cystoscopy all on the same day. If non-cancer findings are confirmed (NVH), patients are promptly removed from the cancer pathway. • UHL and UHDB are working to improve time to first appointment, and increase MRI capacity. • CRH and UHL are focussing on improving turnaround time for template biopsies. • UHN and UHDB are working to improve tracking to support earlier escalation of patients reaching pathway milestones. • UHDB are implementing targeted improvements to diagnostic flow and tracking to reduce delays around biopsies, histology and cystoscopy.

Tips and Shared Learning

[Recovering Cancer Performance Webinar](#)

[National MDT Co-ordinator Conference 2026](#)

[EMCA NHS Futures Resources](#)

[EMCA December Newsletter](#)

[SWAG Days Matter Case Studies](#)

