

**Collaborative Working Project executive summary**

<b>Project title</b>	<p>Portsmouth COPD Nurse / Patient Navigator role</p> <p>A Collaborative Working Project between Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust and Sanofi</p>
<b>Partner organisation/s</b>	<p>Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust (PHU) – Respiratory Services.</p> <p>Sanofi UK</p>
<b>Project rationale</b>	<p>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) remains a major driver of unplanned hospital admissions, health inequality and system pressure locally and nationally. Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust (PHU) serves a population with higher-than-average COPD risk factors, including elevated smoking prevalence and emergency respiratory admission rates above the England average.</p> <p>PHU is developing a new COPD service model to improve outcomes for people with severe, uncontrolled disease, support the safe introduction of newer therapies, and optimise use of established treatments. However, current system pressures – including emergency department flow challenges, workforce capacity constraints, and variable pathway coordination – limit the Trust’s ability to consistently deliver timely, equitable care.</p> <p>This collaborative working project addresses those challenges through the introduction of a dedicated Band 6 COPD Nurse / Patient Navigator, embedded within the PHU respiratory team. The role will provide structured clinical follow-up, patient education, MDT coordination, and systematic data capture across both acute sites. By improving pathway navigation and reducing unwarranted variation, the project aims to enhance patient experience, improve service efficiency, and generate the robust real-world evidence required to support sustainable NHS commissioning of the role beyond the collaborative period.</p>
<b>Project period</b>	<p>Proposed start: Q2 2026</p> <p>Proposed completion: Q3 2027</p> <p>(12-month active delivery phase, with set-up and close-down periods)</p>
<b>Project objectives</b>	<p><b>Expected benefits for patients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faster, more consistent access to appropriate COPD assessment and treatment</li> <li>• Reduced delays from referral to treatment initiation for eligible patients</li> <li>• Improved understanding of disease and treatment through structured education and follow-up</li> <li>• Enhanced continuity of care and navigation across hospital sites and MDTs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved patient experience, measured via Patient Reported Experience Measures (PREMs)</li> </ul> <p><b>Expected benefits for the NHS / partner organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A more streamlined, coordinated COPD pathway across PHU services</li> <li>Reduced administrative and coordination burden on consultants and specialist nurses</li> <li>Improved pathway visibility and governance through systematic data capture</li> <li>Evidence generation to support a Trust business case for ongoing funding and commissioning</li> <li>Better use of existing therapies alongside appropriate access to newer approved treatments</li> </ul> <p><b>Expected benefits for Sanofi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A strengthened, transparent partnership with PHU focused on service improvement</li> <li>Real-world insights into COPD pathway design, flow and outcomes</li> <li>Improved understanding of barriers and enablers to equitable access to approved therapies</li> <li>As Sanofi produces a therapy for people with COPD, if overall patient care is optimised, there may be an increase in the appropriate prescribing of this product for eligible patients, in line with national and local guidelines</li> </ul> <p>This project will be completed by pooling resources of approximately £92,000 (NHS 41% : Sanofi 59%)</p>
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