

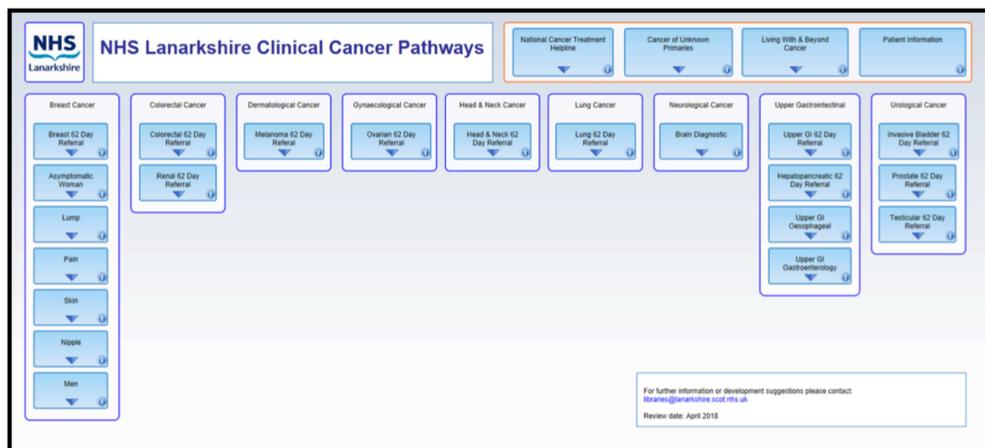
Clinical pathway design across a health board

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Aim

Part of NHS Education for Scotland's Knowledge into Action for Scotland's Health and Social Services Strategy focussed on the support for translating knowledge into practice. The Clinical Knowledge Publisher (CKP) tool was designed to facilitate the 'actionable knowledge' strand of the strategy by improving access to clinical evidence, guidelines and protocols.

Within Lanarkshire, the Cancer Strategy identified as one of its aims the requirement to 'improve the standardisation, dissemination and maintenance of local pathways', specifically within the 9 tumour groups. Knowledge Services were able to offer assistance using the CKP to achieve this aim. Following this, the software has been used by other departments with similar aims regarding their pathways.



Method

Consultation with pathway authors was required to identify existing pathways to be transferred or the creation of new pathways. Departments construct and evaluate their pathways within their own teams. Following this, the sourcing of relevant supporting evidence to be embedded within the pathway was completed. The pathways are then submitted to local management teams for endorsement.

References

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Outcomes & Results

The project supports the 2020 Vision in that it allows the sharing of the pathways and all their content across all sectors of health and social care. The unified, consistent approach improves both quality and access to information. The Living With & Beyond Cancer pathway has been designed to be shared with patients so that they can use this information throughout their care journey.

Future Developments

- ❖ All pathways have been endorsed by management teams.
- ❖ Dedicated FirstPort intranet page of uploaded pathways where visitor numbers can be totalled.
- ❖ Pathway users will be surveyed to evaluate impact.
- ❖ Existing pathways used to promote service to other departments.
- ❖ Locally designed pathways have been presented nationally and shared with other NHS boards and partner organisations.

