

Collaborative Working EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Collaborative Working between AstraZeneca UK Ltd and THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST

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Project title	variaTion In referral Thresholds in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia pathway (CLL TITLE)
Aims and Objectives	Identify Service Variations: Investigate differences in service provision for Chronic Lymphatic Leukaemia (CLL) patients in the West Midlands, across primary and secondary care, focusing on geographical, socioeconomic, and demographic factors. Improve Outcomes and Equity: Propose healthcare service strategies to enhance patient outcomes and reduce inequalities in care for CLL patients, ensuring consistent standards across different care settings.
Anticipated benefits	The concept for this project emerged during a steering committee meeting focused on addressing health inequalities between AstraZeneca and the West Midlands Research Consortium (WMRC). The project aims to identify variations in service provision for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) patients across primary and secondary care via surveys. We will interpret and analyse our survey data by describing the key characteristics of responding practices on the basis of (for example) the Primary Care Network of which they are a part, or (using postcode data), their deprivation quartile according to the Office for National Statistics Index of Multiple Deprivation. This will allow us to 'map' how services/attitudes/referral practices may differ across the West Midlands. Following this analysis, we hope to propose/develop targeted recommendations and strategies to improve patient outcomes and ensure equitable care for CLL patients throughout the West Midlands. Better knowledge of the variation of services both in primary and secondary care for those supporting CLL patients in the West Midlands. It will enable the NHS to put recommendations into place to ensure there is more of consistent approach across the patient pathway. This could decrease health inequalities across the west midlands and help shape the advice and guidance awareness. This project could also be replicated in other regions of the UK.

Timeline	The project will commence on the 18th September 2025 and will continue for a duration of 12 months.
References	[References]