



## Executive summary outputs of POLARIS

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<b>Project title</b>	POLARIS
<b>Duration</b>	December 2022- 30 <sup>st</sup> November 2025
<b>Project partners</b>	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
<b>What was the issue to be addressed?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accelerating early and accurate diagnosis of COPD</li><li>• Reducing treatment inertia</li><li>• Commencing patients on guideline-based treatment pathways, with emphasis on preventative interventions to address unwarranted variation in care</li><li>• Building sustainable capacity to embed and evaluate emerging technologies</li></ul>
<b>What were the results?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolving a patient backlog of more than 6,000 individuals.</li><li>• Interim analysis notes a reduction in average waiting times for preventative treatment initiation from 431 days to just 41 days</li><li>• Confirming between 100 and 150 new COPD diagnoses per month</li><li>• Shifting from a reactive approach (backlog clearance) to proactive case finding</li></ul>

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