



A service development and innovation proof of concept within Children's Cancer Services.

Issue 4 | November 2025

Project Summary Recap

The Care Closer to Home Innovation & Service Development for Paediatric Oncology Services – Proof of Concept project aims to increase focus on the delivery of supportive care and chemotherapy closer to home, either in the home environment or via the Mobile Cancer care Unit at a location close to the patient's home. These specialist services will be delivered whilst maintaining safety and ensuring equity of access to specialist services.

Meet our Care Closer to Home Nurses joining the Alder Hey Project Team!

Nadine is a passionate paediatric oncology nurse who started her career up in Newcastle. Nadine now works on 3B and is excited to provide care closer to home!



Toni started her nursing career in Leeds, in intensive care. Toni then worked on 3B before becoming an After Cure Nurse Specialist and is now excited to be part of CC2H!

Key achievements to Date

- Nadine & Toni started as our Care Closer to Home nurses at Alder Hey
- Excellent team working to enable Home Care approach to be agreed at Alder Hey
- Home Care launched from Alder Hey across Cheshire & Merseyside and North Wales
- Senior Leadership and Project Team discussions across RMCH regarding approach for delivery
- Comms Sub Group established for cross-organisational engagement and input from experts
- Released Formal Communications to promote the project and raise awareness

Learning Points

- Project Management Tool & Critical Path implementation from the beginning have been crucial for delivery
- Pre-set meetings for project teams and reporting mechanisms
- Co-design with CYP and family; via charities and existing groups
- Allow for delays such as ordering of equipment via procurement
- Encourage sub-groups to complete actions and maintain momentum
- Workforce and recruitment required longer than initially planned



Feedback on Alder Hey Go Live...



Absolutely amazing !! How wonderful for the families, must take away so much of the stress 🙏❤️



This will make such a difference. With an immunocompromised child myself going into daycare was such a fear incase he picked anything up. I was so lucky in my area that the CCNOT team of nurses came and helped were they could to avoid us going into hospital. Such a valuable service ❤️

What a beautiful way to help families stay together and have treatments at home

Incredible work. Bringing care into homes is a game-changer for children and their parents

We know that frequent hospital visits can be hugely disruptive for children and families, impacting school, work and home life. By safely bringing elements of care into the community, we're helping to ease that burden while maintaining the same high standards of safety and support families would receive in hospital. This is about improving quality of life as well as clinical outcomes.



This project is in collaboration with:



Mobile Cancer Care Unit

The team have been working hard in the background to plan for Phase 3: Mobile Cancer Care Unit. We are hoping to launch this phase early in the new year. Watch this space!



GET INVOLVED! Project updates and involvement will come through the ODN working groups and via patient and family engagement.



Info.nwccodn@mft.nhs.uk



[Care Closer To Home Webpage](#)

@NWCCODN

