

RESPECT-21

Reorganising specialist cancer surgery for the 21st century: a mixed methods evaluation

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IN BRIEF

- **RESPECT-21 project is studying changes in the way specialist cancer surgery services are provided in London and Manchester – focusing on prostate, kidney, and oesophago-gastric (OG) pathways**
- Project launched on September 9th 2015 with event hosted by UCLPartners, and regular team meetings are underway. The project will run until February 2019
- Project accepted into NIHR Portfolio, which will help study setup at different sites. NHS Ethical approval granted, and further approvals in progress
- BMJ news item: <http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h3820>
- Scoping work for study of patient, professional, and public preferences in relation to centralisation (called a Discrete Choice Experiment) has begun, as has scoping work for study of the processes of change (interviews, meeting observations, and document analysis)

PROJECT SUMMARY

Evidence suggests that for some types of operation, hospitals have better results the more procedures they conduct. It has been recommended that cancer surgery services should be provided in fewer hospitals (centralised). Yet little is known about whether and how centralisation of cancer surgery services affects patient outcomes and experience, care provision, and cost – or about how such changes are planned, implemented, and maintained.

The RESPECT-21 research team is studying changes in specialist cancer surgery services across North Central and North East London and West Essex (3.2m population) and across Greater Manchester (3.1m population). Both areas are currently working to reduce the number of hospitals providing specialist surgery for a range of cancers.

The project will assess key processes in London and Manchester service centralisation. We will also look at the impact on care processes and outcomes, and the cost and cost-effectiveness of the changes. The impact on staff and patients will be explored, and we will study people's preferences in relation to centralisation. Finally, we will consider what lessons can be learned for future centralisations.

MEET THE TEAM



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You can find out more about service centralisations here:

- <http://www.londoncancer.org/>
- <http://www.manchestercancer.org/>

We will also update the RESPECT-21 project website with news and links:

- https://www.ucl.ac.uk/dahr/research-pages/RESPECT_21

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