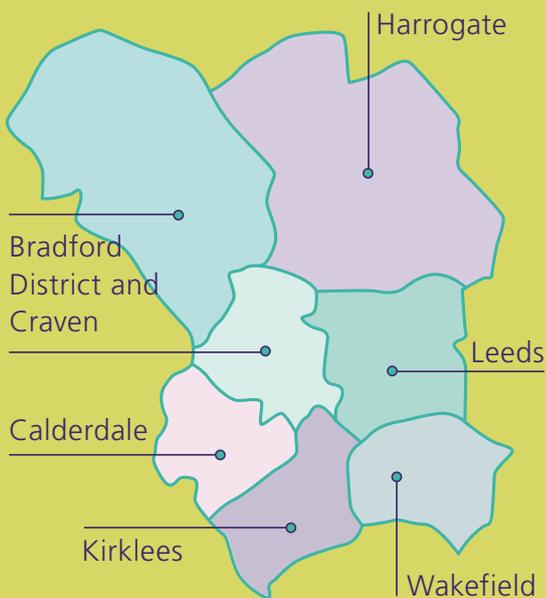


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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▲ Left to right: the patient, Tina Seymour, Pat Dyminski



Bringing cancer care into our communities

Our ambition

Cancer is the biggest cause of death from illness in every age group in West Yorkshire and Harrogate and will affect 1 in 2 born since 1960. Although survival is improving we still lag behind the England average one year survival (69.5% versus 70.2%).

The overall aim of our Cancer Alliance is to improve the lives of all those affected by cancer across our area. We believe the best way to achieve this is to ensure that cancer care, treatment and support is wrapped around each individual patient. By working in partnership and breaking down organisational boundaries, we will transform the outcomes and experience for local people facing a cancer diagnosis. living with and beyond cancer.



What we are doing

A major issue for cancer patients is the stress of travelling, parking at hospitals and waiting for treatment, but a new service is changing this.

Cancer charity Hope for Tomorrow and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust recently launched a new mobile cancer care unit for West Yorkshire.

The state of the art unit is six car parking widths wide and approximately 12 patients a day receive treatment on the unit. It can be located at convenient places such as supermarkets.

What next?

Regular patient and staff feedback is collected and if possible acted upon. The Trust are exploring new ideas to expand the use of the unit to improve cancer patients' experience and journey. The Trust are about to include the administration of blood transfusions on the unit and are in talks about including patients requiring scalp cooling whilst having treatment.



"I know from my own experience in the last two and a half years that having cancer is both frightening and stressful. It is debilitating physically, particularly when you are having chemotherapy.

Fortunately for me I don't live a great distance from the hospital but chatting to other patients and relatives I've been very surprised by the distances some people travel for treatment, knowing how exhausting I find a day of treatment in the chemotherapy lounge at the Haematology and Oncology Day Unit and I can't imagine how very tiring it must be to have a long journey at the start and the end of the day.

With the mobile bus I wasn't sure at first because I thought it might be too small and wouldn't be able to do what it says it does. But recently I was fortunate to have a treatment on board the unit and what a revelation. Because the mobile unit is so relaxing and friendly I find myself completely at ease.

A great bonus is that on board the bus you are still being treated by the same familiar and wonderful members of staff from the unit. And because only a small number of patients are treated the same day, the appropriate chemotherapy treatments are ready to hand when patients arrive, for an immediate start."

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