

Pathology location appraisal outcome

You may be aware that we the [Pathology Collaboration](#) is looking at developing a collaborative pathology service across Lancashire and South Cumbria as part of the NHS England and Improvement transformation of Pathology services.

The project looks to provide a streamlined, sustainable service which is clinically and cost effective. It is the aim of the project that a larger, more sustainable service will be able to develop services to adopt the new technology that the current system would be unable to do, such as technological advances using personal genomic profiles to make cancer treatments more effective.

Waterhouse Cooper (PwC) was appointed to facilitate a robust and transparent process for choosing a location for a new Pathology Hub, which was underpinned by the appropriate level of governance and stakeholder engagement. As part of this process, 300 responses were received from staff working in Pathology across the patch.

Leyland, near Centurion Way was one of the location options for stakeholders to rate and was identified as the preferred site for the new Pathology Diagnostic Hub based on colleagues' submissions and the subsequent evaluation process led by PwC. This was endorsed by the L&SC Pathology Collaboration Board. Therefore, if a hub and spoke model is the preferred clinical option following appraisal of the economic business case, the hub will be based in Leyland.

We want to be clear that at this stage, this is just the preferred location; not the definite location. The next step is the agreement of a clinical model and the business case which is expected to be completed by the end of March 2021. We understand, however, that this will be hard to hear for some of our colleagues and the Care Group and leadership team will continue to support you however we can.

For more information, you can view the Option Appraisal Report [here](#) and the FAQs [here](#).