

Huntington's Disease Pathway

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About the project

Gloucestershire's Integrated Care System does not have a dedicated HD service. The local HD pathway, such as it is, is attributed to a small number of experienced individuals with an understanding of the care system and confidence to act as positive risk takers. They navigate an informal and fractured network that allows them to negotiate and co-ordinate support for their clients and colleagues within a limited scope, at the same time facing challenges in engaging system partners and upholding effective communication between services.

The review seeks to map the HD pathway in the county, whilst highlighting the various gaps and challenges the lack of such pathway presents on patients, their families and carers and the wider health system.

Aims & Objectives

The project group aims to:

- 1. Complete a full review of the Huntington's Disease pathway.
- Develop a map of the current HD pathway, inclusive of services and practitioners.
- 3. Gain critical feedback from lay members and people with lived experience to inform the mapping process and engage in the design of further recommendations.
- 4. Present an evidence based options appraisal, using information & data gathered from aims 1,2 & 3

Measures Used

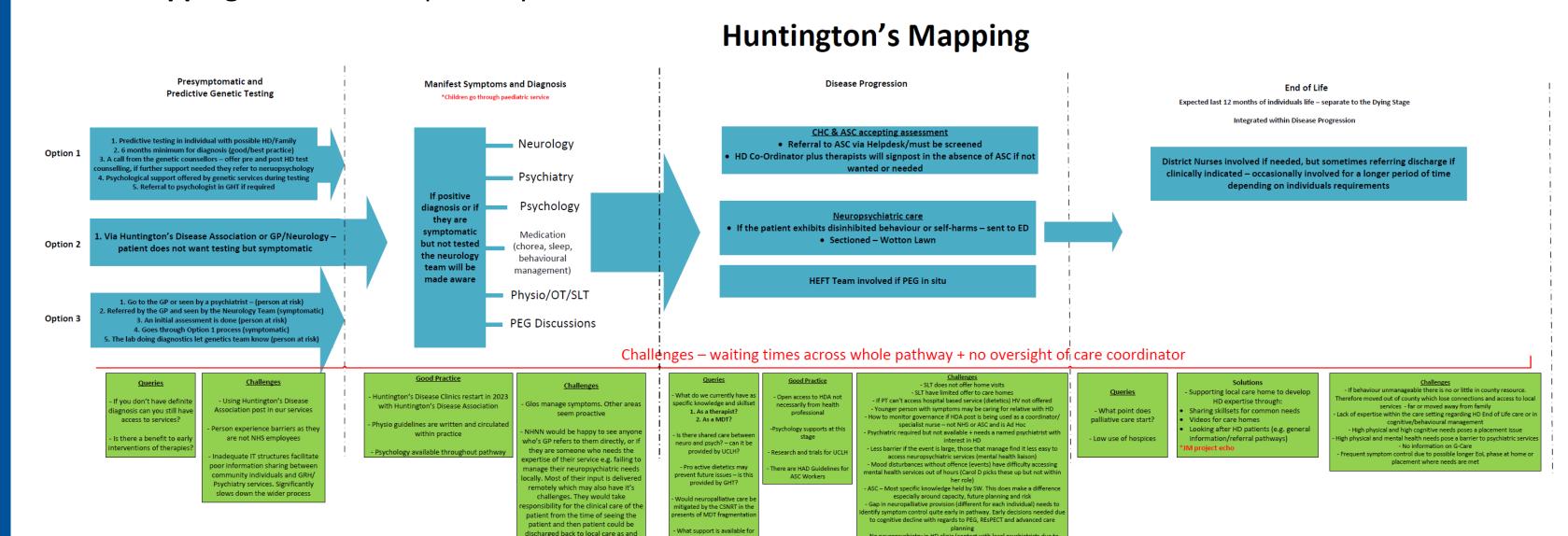
Currently, the project is in the review phase. However, it is anticipated that there will be a significant number of metrics used to measure the success of the recommendations / change initiatives which will be designed and delivered within a business case.

These metrics will be inclusive of:

- Hospital admissions avoidances (comparative data analysis)
- HD specialist referrals and activity data (KPI's)
- HD clinic data
- Cost / benefit data analysis
- Patient experience feedback (i.e. MyCaw)
- Neurology audit

Quality Service Improvement and Redesign (QSIR) Tools: Methodologies used and contribution to project

Process mapping of current HD pathway in Gloucestershire



Pathway Needs:

1. Neuropsychiatry/access to mental health within a structured pathway (neuropsychiatry within HD Clinics)

2. Coordination between the pathway and Carol Dutton

3. MDT working improved within ICTs in relation to HD

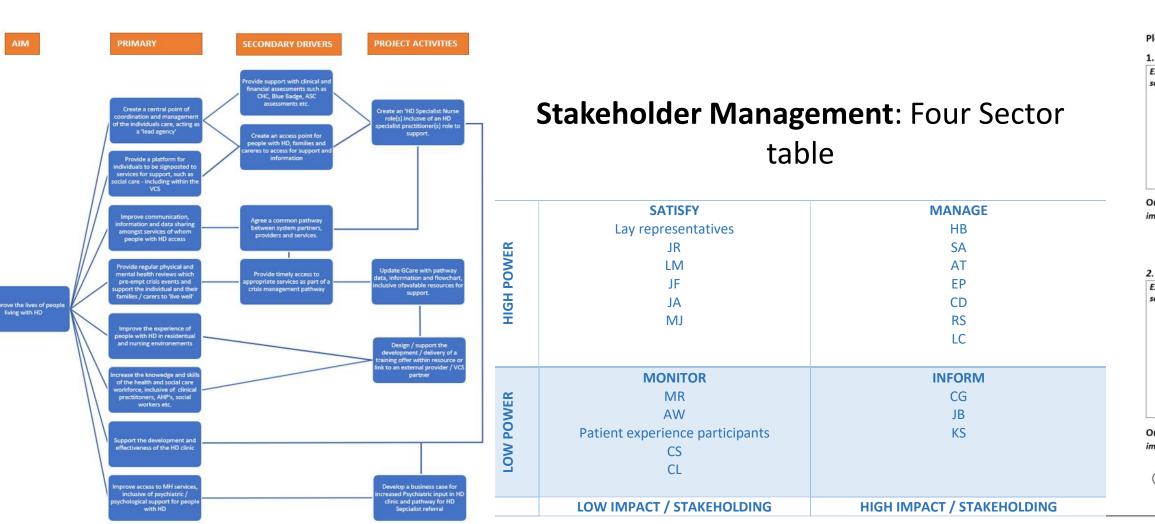
4. Improve care home expertise using in county resources

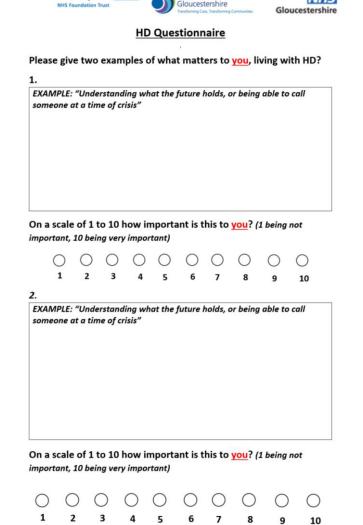
5. Finding right equipment through specials

6. ASC skillset

7. Central point of expertise advice and guidance (safe place) – Hub + Spoke

Patient Engagement: Questionnaires & Workshops







Project Outcomes, Progress and Impact

9 successful project meetings held

Two clinical pathway mapping workshops completed

Driver Diagram

One patient engagement workshop held

15 Patient engagement questionnaire completed 7 detailed case studies

One HDA specialist shadowing day with patient 'Go see'

'What Matters to Me' & 'Personalised Care and Support Plan' being co-designed with HDA specialist. HD clinic set up and run by GHT inclusive of GHT neurologist, Dr Sian Alexander, GHT Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Aileen Thomson and HDA Specialist Advisor, Carol Dutton

PROJECT MEETINGS
14th September 2022
7th December 2022
15th February 2023
26th April 2023
21st June 2023

MAPPING MEETINGS
9th November 2022 29th
November 2022 14th
December 2022

Learning for the Improvement Community

Engagement with patients, people with lived experience, their families and carers opened up the review to new areas of investigation that we as clinicians had not even considered. The perspectives and feedback of these populations were essential in driving change in the right direction and ensure that their needs are understood and play a significant part in how services, roles and pathways are designed and delivered.