

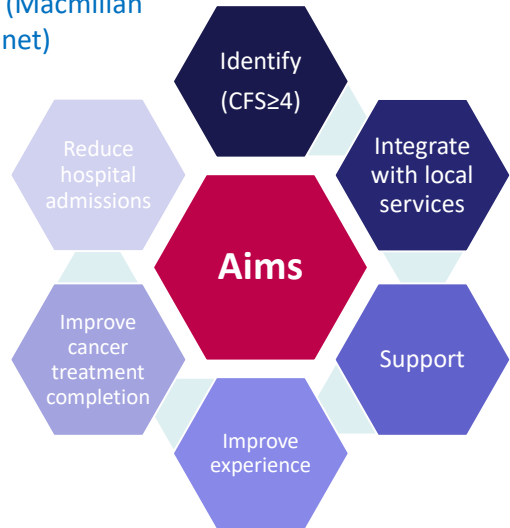


Establishing a frailty service within a satellite cancer centre

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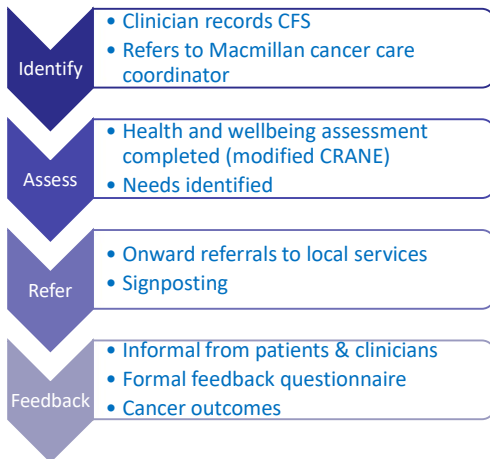
Background

- The Christie@Macclesfield satellite centre opened in December 2021.
- This has enabled patients to receive cancer treatment closer to home.
- In East Cheshire 23% of the population are over 65 years.
- One aim of the centre development was to provide a frailty service for patients receiving oncology treatments.
- Funding was secured for a Macmillan cancer care coordinator to facilitate this from January 2023.

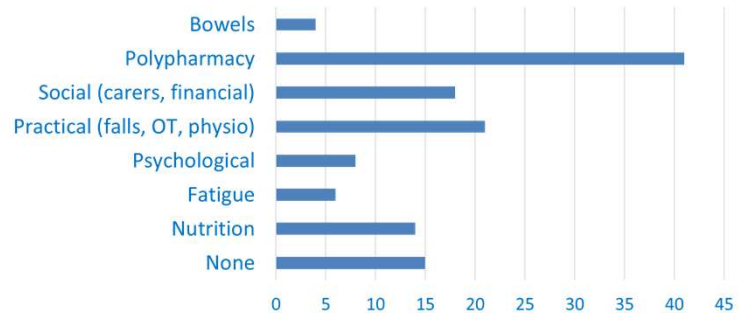


CFS = Rockwood clinical frailty score

The pathway



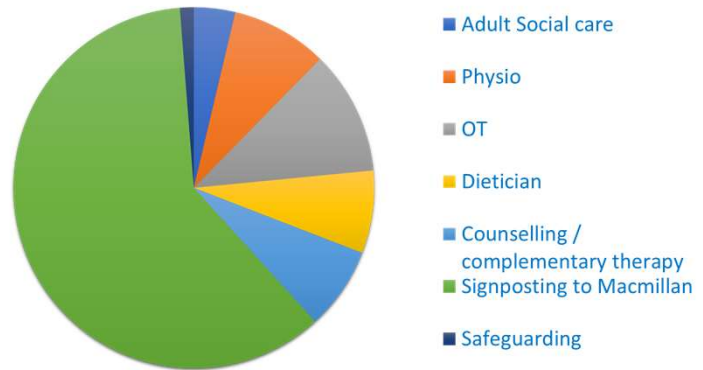
Needs identified on assessment



Results – Feb 2023 – Oct 2023

N=62 patients assessed	
Mean age (years), Range	78.6 (63-99)
M:F ratio	30:32
Living in East Cheshire (%)	85
Living outside East Cheshire (%)	15
Disease group:	
Colorectal (%)	34 (55)
Lung (%)	16 (26)
Breast (%)	10 (16)
Myeloma (%)	2 (3)
Treatment intent	
Palliative (%)	21 (34)
Radical (%)	33 (53)
Surveillance (%)	8 (13)
Treatment modality	
Chemotherapy (%)	29 (47)
Radiotherapy (%)	13 (21)
Combined chemo and radiotherapy (%)	13 (21)
Surveillance (%)	7 (11)

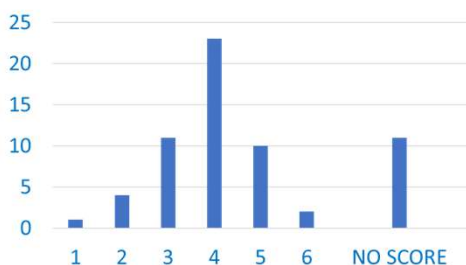
Onward referrals = 81



Oncology treatment completion

Treatment	% completed treatment
Chemotherapy (N=29)	
Completing 2 or more cycles	69
Radiotherapy (N=13)	
Mean no. of planned fractions (range)	9.5 (1-28)
Completing all planned fractions	76

CFS Scores



Conclusion

- The cancer care coordinator has an important role identifying additional needs for frail patients which are otherwise overlooked in busy oncology clinics.
- Timely onward referrals has meant patients received additional support and interventions during treatment.
- Treatment completion rates and patient feedback are encouraging.