

## Sarcoma Pathway Board

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### Introduction

Sarcomas are rare cancers which contribute to less than 2% of all cancers and can occur anywhere in the body originating from mesenchymal tissue. There are around 100 sub-types of sarcomas, with many unique characteristics and a wide range of presentations often requiring complex management. Sarcomas fall into three main categories: bone, soft tissue, and gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST).

The pathway board consists of core members from the three sites delivering Sarcoma care for patients in Greater Manchester. They are Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital, and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. We cover a population of figures of over 3 million people. Amit Kumar is the Clinical Lead together with Louise Farnworth the Pathway Manager and they are committed to strive towards the best care for our patients.

### Education

Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance and the Sarcoma Pathway Board are looking to develop a regional education sarcoma model. The Pathway Board are taking steps to develop this in line with Sarcoma UK as a collaboration

### Deliverables

- Improvement of the suspected cancer referral form
- Sarcoma Service review commissioned by Alliance to help improve service and outcomes
- The sarcoma pathway has been developed and extended to enable GP's to refer suspected sarcoma patients to their local trust for assessment and investigations. If Sarcoma is suspected these patients are then referred to Sarcoma service sites such as Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust or Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital.
- The pathway board have revived The User involvement Questionnaire. This has been refined to capture relevant points from patients experiences.
- The Pathway Board are taking steps to help deliver NHS cancer standards of cancer diagnosis within 28 days.