



## North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service

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Dear Colleague

We are pleased to announce the official establishment of the North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service (NMCPS).

Following the NHS Improvement (NHSi) Initiative to establish 29 Pathology Networks, the University Hospitals of North Midlands has been working in partnership with Mid Cheshire Hospitals Foundation Trust (MCHFT) and East Cheshire Trust (ECT), namely Cheshire Pathology Service for the past two years to form this Pathology Network.

UHNM will be the lead provider and host organisation for the service which will officially be launched on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The new service will see a number of developments over the next two years and we look forward to sharing more details about these in coming months. Namely these include;

- The development of a single Cellular Pathology department at Royal Stoke University Hospital.
- The development of a single Infection Science department at Royal Stoke University Hospital.
- The Blood Sciences Hub, which includes some specialist testing, is to be based at Royal Stoke University Hospital.
- Essential Service Laboratories (ESL) will be established on the other three sites namely, Leighton Hospital, Macclesfield Hospital, and the County Hospital, Stafford, with some retained GP Direct Access work determined on geographical location of the practices.

By working in this way we hope to deliver an efficient, cost effective and sustainable service that meets the needs of its users both now and in the future and provides a number of exciting opportunities for investment and development.

Yours sincerely

***Pathology Service Manager and Professional Head for the  
North Midlands and Cheshire Pathology Service***

Working in partnership

