

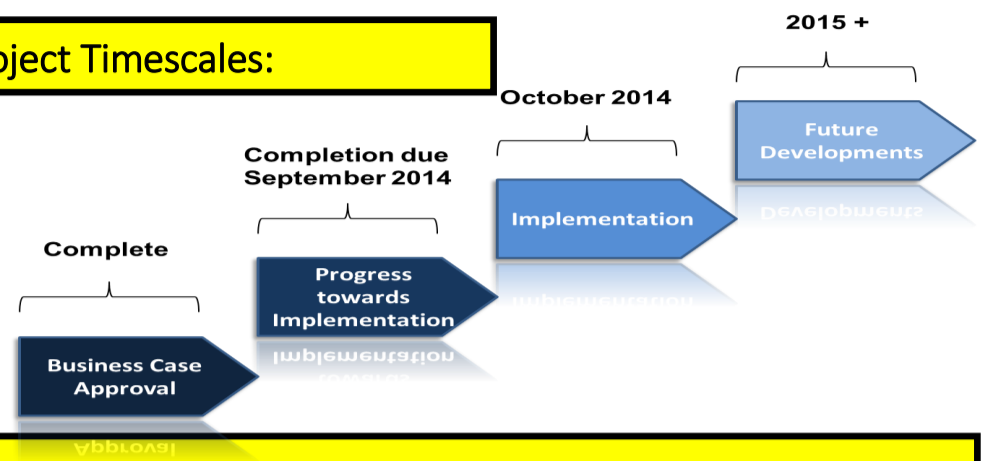
The Acute Oncology Service

At Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Our current Service:

The business case for the AOS service at both Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals was approved and the Trust is currently in the process of recruiting the nurse practitioners as an initial starting point.

Project Timescales:



Top Three Key Achievements

Business Case Approval and AOS meetings.

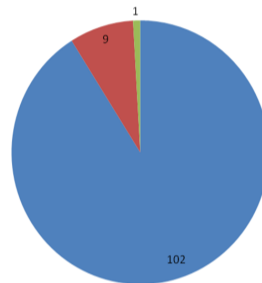


The AOS team has been established with a service Lead and is awaiting the additional nurses – and consultants to form the team.



One Hour Antibiotic Pathway Audit

Gloucestershire hospitals has achieved over 90% continuously in the one hour antibiotic Audit, month on month since June 2013.



AOS Action cards : The development of action cards for Acute Oncology Presentations are available on the Trust intranet for all staff to access.



Areas of Good Practice

Fast Track Clinic Card: We aim to give patients who are seen in ED and require a fast track appointment, a card with contact details should they not receive an appointment from us



Drains Service: This service was set up weekly and incorporates the following:

- Pleural Effusions
- Ascitic Drains
- Chest Drains



Sepsis Six: We have revised our Sepsis Six documentation for Oncology patients where the thresholds for giving antibiotics are different. This work was recognised and commended at the RCOR.



Peer Review Compliance

The acute oncology team was congratulated on the significant progress made in developing the service since the approval of the business case. However, a number of elements of the service are still to be fully implemented including: Recruitment of the nursing and oncologists to operate the service and providing fast track appointment slots.

The flagging system, and completion of the induction training to all appropriate staff groups.



Future Developments:

- Mechanism to evaluate patient experience
- Fast track appointment slots
- Training packages
- Protocols
- Patient flagging system
- Referral System

