

**NHS Doncaster CCG & Astellas Pharma Ltd**  
**Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS) resource analysis and service redesign**  
**across the urology/urogynaecology pathway**  
**Pathway review: June 2012 – December 2013**  
**Project evaluation completed October 2015**

**Background**

Preliminary analysis of the urology data showed significant variation in referrals made by Doncaster GP practices. Subsequent analyses looking at elective referrals (male) and also at unplanned admissions for patient with catheter problems (male and female) suggested sufficient cause to believe that the efficiency and quality of male LUTS/continence services in Doncaster could be improved.

It was identified that there is a local bladder function clinic in the community, however there were no standard referral criteria to access this service. A GP focus group agreed that clearer consensus guidelines were needed with local consultants based on three principle referral issues:

- LUTS/Bladder issues
- Prostatic symptoms including raised PSA
- Issues surrounding catheter management

**Project Aims in 2012**

<b>Patient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the quality and responsiveness of care for patients with LUTS in line with NICE guidance, improve the patient's quality of life and improve personal treatment goals</li> <li>• Create an integrated service for the management of LUTS patients.</li> </ul>
<b>NHS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas where there is potential to improve efficiency; cost effectiveness, and/or quality which will inform service redesign</li> <li>• Make recommendations on service redesign to assist local commissioners</li> <li>• Improve coordination, understanding and communications between primary and secondary care</li> </ul>
<b>Astellas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration of how Joint Working between Astellas and NHS Doncaster CCG has improved the patient pathway for urology and led to an improved patient experience</li> <li>• Increased use of appropriate urology medicines, including Astellas medicines, in line with NICE guidelines</li> </ul>