

## **Working with the NHS Northwest Innovation Agency November 2022**

At the November meeting of the Patient and Public involvement Senate, the first presentation was about a twelve-month pilot scheme trialling the use of home monitoring for lung cancer patients who are under the care of the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

The purpose of the trial is to establish whether emergency hospital admissions can be reduced by the use of an App (Docobo®), <https://www.docobo.co.uk/> into which patients either with advanced lung cancer or those on immunotherapy log various readings (e.g blood pressure, pulse, body temperature) on a weekly or twice-weekly basis. These readings are then triaged to assess if the patients are deteriorating and if they therefore need to be either seen face to face or to go through a telephone triage process in the hope that they can be managed at home.

The development of the website Breathing Point was then discussed. This is a respiratory website for Cheshire and Merseyside patients with any breathing condition and it is hoped that it will go live in December. The group was asked to review the content and feed back their impressions to the web developers.

The Patient Safety Group met later in the month and discussed IAPT <https://www.england.nhs.uk/mental-health/adults/iapt/>

There is a concern that patients are unaware of the acronym and its meaning, and the NHS are asking for help in rebranding the product and giving it a name that is more explicit and memorable. The group also were informed about the referral process depending on the severity of the patient's mental health condition.

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