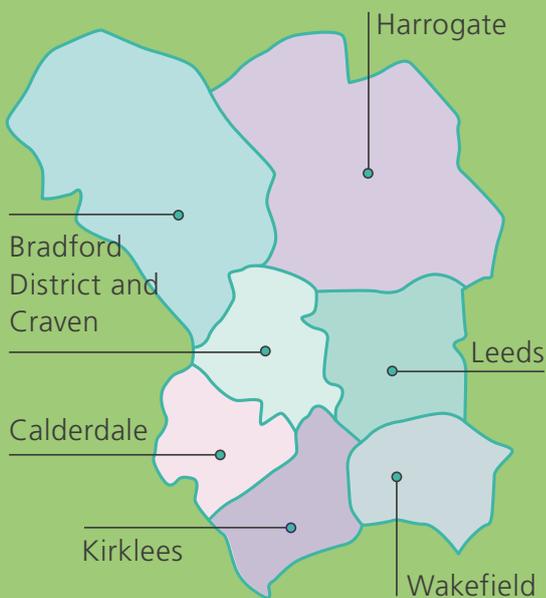


# Telling our Partnership story



## Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.



## Early cancer diagnosis

### Our ambition

We want to diagnose more quickly people with vague but concerning symptoms that could potentially be cancer.



## What we are doing

Hospitals and GPs in Leeds and Airedale have been part of a national pilot which helps people with vague symptoms to have their diagnostic tests coordinated by specialist teams.

The ten pilot sites make up the ACE 2 (Accelerate, Co-ordinate and Evaluate) Early Diagnosis Programme, a joint initiative by NHS England, Cancer Research UK and Macmillan, and supported by Cancer Alliances around the country.

## What next?

The relationships forged through our Partnership and specifically its cancer priority programme means the benefits can be rolled out to other hospitals and patients across the area. GPs also play a vital role in the process, as the first point of contact for the patient presenting with the vague but concerning symptoms.



Phil spotted blood in his urine (haematuria, the most common symptom of bladder cancer) – just the once. Scared as he was, he thought he should wait to see if it happened again. Fortunately his wife insisted he call his GP and arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Phil uses his experience of primary and secondary care, including surgery, to call for consistent standards of care irrespective of where it is delivered, and to encourage people not to ignore their symptoms but to seek help quickly.



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