

Overarching Principles for Acquisition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD)

Brand and reputation

We will continue to recognise and build on the national and international reputation which the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases has developed as a leading provider of high quality, innovative care for patients with long-term rheumatology, pain and fatigue conditions.

Continuation

Using the expertise of our combined teams, our ambition is to ensure advancement of this ground breaking work to improve the care and quality of daily life for our patients.

Partnership

The future will remain clinician led - working in partnership with expert patients and carers, members and commissioners to sustain and further improve service user satisfaction.

Skills and Leadership

We will benefit from the skills and leadership of a wider multidisciplinary team model which will enhance shared care for individuals with multiple conditions, support community provision and improve access to specialist knowledge and skills across our local health economy and beyond.

Excellence and innovation

By combining the RNHRD's enviable specialist research brand and expertise with the RUH's ambitious research agenda, we will create a centre driven by evidence-based clinical excellence and innovation. This will be further enhanced by bringing together the established research networks of the RNHRD and the RUH's scale of patient access and recruitment record, patient safety programme, excellent diagnostics facilities and supporting connections with the Academic Health Science Network.

High quality patient experience

Patients can be confident that they will receive the highest quality care delivered by passionate staff. Plans will be developed in partnership with our stakeholders to create purpose designed surroundings with convenient access to modern facilities - ensuring the continuation of a care environment that further enhances patient experience and will allow specialist services and innovation to flourish into the future.

