**RM Partners Specialist Cancer Pain Network MDT**

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Pain is a common and challenging symptom of advanced cancer.

For patients whose pain does not respond to standard medications, interventional procedures can provide relief. However, access to these advanced interventions has historically been limited due to a lack of awareness and unclear referral pathways.

To address this, RM Partners North West and South West London Cancer Alliance has launched the **Specialist Cancer Pain Pathway** to improve access to advanced pain management techniques, in line with recommendations from the Faculty of Pain Medicine.

This innovative project has brought together a multidisciplinary team, including specialists in palliative care, pain medicine, and functional neurosurgery. Working collaboratively across RM Partners geography, this team reviews referrals quickly and efficiently and determines the best interventional options for each patient.

Dr. Matt Brown, Consultant in Pain Medicine at The Royal Marsden and clinical lead for the project, said:

"This collaborative project represents a significant shift in how advanced pain management techniques are offered to cancer patients in north west and south west London. By streamlining access to these interventions, we can improve outcomes and quality of life for our patients."

For further information on how to refer patients, please email Dr Matt Brown matthew.brown@rmh.nhs.uk