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Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

A leading integrated healthcare system

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) is the UK's largest NHS Trust and one of the country's leading academic healthcare systems. With a broad portfolio of specialised services delivered across 10 hospitals in Manchester, MFT is recognised nationally and internationally and has many centres of clinical excellence within the group. Drawing on more than 200 years of clinical expertise, we combine world-class patient care, research and education to improve health outcomes. As an NHS organisation, income generated through our commercial activities is reinvested into the Trust for the benefit of our patients and services.

Four of our hospitals are based on one site, within walking distance of Manchester city centre and the University of Manchester. The Oxford Road Campus is one of the UK's largest academic health campuses and brings together adult, women's, children's and eye hospitals and services on a single integrated site.

Chaplaincy Support

At our Oxford Road Campus, we have a dedicated chaplaincy service and multifaith centre, open to all at MFT, whether visitors, patients, staff or trainees. We have multiple prayer rooms across the site as well as dedicated quiet rooms. Our team includes trained professionals who can provide spiritual, religious, pastoral, and emotional care.

Manchester: connected to the world

Manchester is right in the heart of the North of England. Built on a rich history of industry, commerce, innovation and resilience, it is the world's first industrial city and is still a driving force of the Northern Powerhouse.

It is one of the UK's best-connected cities, home to Manchester Airport, the third busiest in the country after Heathrow and Gatwick, and an impressive national railway network, making it an ideal place for international partnerships and visits.

Major regeneration projects, green public spaces and a vibrant urban centre have made it one of the UK's most modern and liveable cities, welcoming to patients, professionals and families alike, while its diverse communities, rich cultural scene and globally renowned music and sporting heritage contribute to its ever-growing international appeal.



Adult, paediatric, ophthalmology and maternity specialists all under one roof.

Comprehensive expertise on a single campus

Our Oxford Road Campus covers care in all areas from pre-conception to end of life. The expertise required to support complex conditions, including surgery, imaging, critical care, neonatal care, transfusion medicine and genomics, is available within one integrated system, supporting coordinated decision making and continuity of care.

The scale, governance and standards of a leading NHS organisation

As the largest provider of specialised services in North West England, MFT combines significant clinical breadth with established governance frameworks. Our services are regulated by the Care Quality Commission and supported by strong academic partnerships, including close collaboration with the University of Manchester and one of the UK's largest clinical research portfolios.

Specialised expertise where it matters most

Many of our services support patients with rare, complex and highly specialised conditions. Our approach is delivered by internationally recognised consultants and multidisciplinary teams, and built on experience, collaboration and access to advanced diagnostics, treatments and

research-informed practice.

Supporting patients today while developing capability for tomorrow

A partnership with MFT can provide both immediate support and long-term development.

- *MFT Private Healthcare* offers organisations access to specialised care for complex patients.
- *MFT Global Talent Development* supports clinicians to build confidence and knowledge through fellowships and observerships.
- *MFT Events & Education* provides partners with bespoke courses, masterclasses and specialist training programmes.
- *MFT Consulting* brings these together with service design, in partnerships shaped around each organisation's needs.

Together, these offers help build sustainable skills and services that remain within local healthcare systems.



Your offer from MFT Private Healthcare

Quality and Safety Assurance

Our hospitals, including services for private patients, are regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the UK’s independent regulator of healthcare quality and safety. Care is supported by clear clinical accountability and structured multidisciplinary working, and if additional or unexpected care is needed, it can be provided quickly and safely within the same organisation.

Working with partners

We recognise that an international referral involves more than clinical care alone.

MFT Private Healthcare provides structured support before, during and after treatment, giving referring organisations and patients clarity, confidence and continuity throughout the care pathway.

The patient journey begins before travel, with a specialist-led assessment of each case by a consultant with expertise in the patient’s condition, and the allocation of a named consultant. From first contact, the patient remains under the care of a single

accountable consultant, supported by a multidisciplinary team, with all investigations, decisions and planning coordinated within one clinical pathway. On arrival, the patient is admitted into a pre-planned pathway, with treatment delivered by specialists and every stage designed to uphold safety, dignity and clinical excellence.

Explore our specialist services

We offer a wide range of private healthcare services, the following pages highlight a selection of the care and expertise we provide.



Our services are underpinned by NHS values, which guide our clinical care and partnerships.

1

Pre-arrival planning and coordination

Where required, we help coordinate accommodation close to the hospital, travel planning and guidance on visa processes, and can arrange airport reception and transfer to accommodation on arrival in Manchester. A named liaison acts as the single point of contact for your organisation.

2

Payment Clarity and Letters of Guarantee

Before treatment, we provide a clear cost estimate based on the proposed care plan, setting out inclusions, exclusions and any potential variables. Where funding is provided by an embassy, insurer or sponsoring organisation, we work directly with you to agree and formalise a Letter of Guarantee.

3

Family-first living and hospitality

Accommodation is arranged to suit individual needs, whether that means family suites, halal catering or space for visiting relatives, so families can stay together comfortably and with dignity. On arrival at the hospital, patients are introduced to their clinical team and helped to understand what to expect each day.

4

Cultural comfort, built in

Manchester is a diverse and well-connected city, with a wide range of cultural, religious, and social amenities. We can arrange local orientation, social activities and connections to faith groups. Our on-site chaplaincy team and multi-faith rooms are available throughout the patient’s stay.

5

Seamless stay and supported return home

We retain clinical responsibility until the patient is clinically stable and fit to travel. At discharge, we liaise directly with the referring hospital or medical team to hand over key information, and after repatriation we stay in contact with the receiving clinical team to monitor recovery and advise if further input is needed.

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Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplants and Gene Therapy

What are Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplants (HSCT) and Gene Therapy?

HSCT is an advanced treatment that transfers stem cells capable of producing new blood cells. These cells may be collected from peripheral blood, bone marrow, or umbilical cord blood. The HSCT journey can last several weeks or months and involves complex procedures and medications. As evidence continues to grow, HSCT is transforming outcomes for children with conditions including leukaemia, other cancers, inherited metabolic disorders, and haematological disorders providing life-changing treatment opportunities for an expanding range of diseases.

Treating the cause, not only the symptoms

For selected children, *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital*, the largest service outside London, offers HSCT with the potential to correct the underlying genetic cause of disease rather than solely managing its symptoms.

Its most advanced treatments, including gene therapy, are world-leading medicine, delivered by very few centres globally, and directly relevant to populations in which these conditions are common.

Expertise in complex transplants

The service is recognised for its expertise in complex transplants, including the following:

- mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS), where transplantation can alter disease progression and improve long-term outcomes;
- malignant conditions, such as leukaemia; and
- inherited disorders, including sickle cell disease and thalassaemia.

For selected patients, treatment may include advanced gene-editing therapies, which target the genetic root of the disease.

One team around every child

Care is delivered through a fully integrated multidisciplinary model, bringing together consultant haematologists, transplant physicians, specialised nursing teams, immunology, infectious diseases and metabolic specialists. Treatment pathways are carefully coordinated, from pre-transplant optimisation through to conditioning, transplant delivery and long-term follow-up. This gives each child a structured, personalised plan tailored to both their condition and wider clinical needs.

Access to emerging therapies

The transplant programme is closely aligned with advanced diagnostics and research infrastructure, enabling access to emerging therapies.

For children with rare and complex disorders, *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital* offers a combination of clinical expertise, high procedural volumes and coordinated aftercare, supporting safe delivery of transplantation and sustained improvement in outcomes over the long term.

Read
Teddi's
Full
Story



Hear Teddi's story, February 2023



A 19-month-old baby girl called Teddi became the first child in the UK to receive a life-saving gene therapy treatment for the fatal disorder, metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD).

The genetic disease causes severe damage to the affected child's nervous system and organs, resulting in a life expectancy of between just five and eight years.

The revolutionary gene therapy, known by its brand name Libmeldy®, is delivered within *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital*, in collaboration with Manchester's Centre for Genomic Medicine at *Saint Mary's Hospital*. The centre is one of just five European sites administering the treatment, and the only site in the UK.

Teddi and her sister Nala, then aged 3, were both diagnosed with MLD in April 2022 but unfortunately, Nala was not eligible for the treatment as the clinical guidance requires the gene therapy to be administered before the

irreversible damage caused by the disease progresses too far.

The life-saving gene therapy works by removing the child's stem cells and replacing the faulty gene that causes MLD before re-injecting the treated cells into the patient.

Teddi and Nala's mother, Ally Shaw, 32, said: "In April last year [2022], our world was turned upside down when not one, but both of our daughters were diagnosed with MLD. Being told our first daughter, Nala, wasn't eligible for any treatment, would continue to lose all functions, and die extremely young was the most heart-breaking and hardest thing to come to terms with.

"However, amongst the pain, was hope for our younger daughter, Teddi. We were told that a new gene therapy treatment had, luckily, recently been made available on the NHS."

Congenital Hyperinsulinism

What is Congenital Hyperinsulinism?

Congenital hyperinsulinism (CHI) is a rare genetic condition in which the pancreas produces too much insulin, causing dangerously low blood sugar. CHI takes two main forms:

- In focal disease, the problem is confined to one small area of the pancreas, which can often be treated surgically.
- In diffuse disease, the whole pancreas is affected and long-term medical management is usually needed.

Telling the two apart is one of the most important decisions in a child's care.

Rare diagnostic expertise

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital provides highly specialised 18F-DOPA PET-CT imaging, the advanced technique used to locate focal disease and guide treatment decisions.

One team, one pathway

Each patient is cared for by paediatric endocrinologists, pancreatic surgeons, radiologists, nuclear medicine specialists, histopathologists, dietitians, speech and language therapists, psychologists and specialised nurses.

They work as one team, so assessment, imaging, surgery and follow-up happen within a single specialised pathway.

Recognised internationally

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital is part of a service recognised by *Congenital Hyperinsulinism International* as one of only eight Centres of Excellence worldwide, and one of two in the UK. It is also a nationally commissioned quaternary centre for CHI.

Research that reaches patients

The team at *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital*, working with the University of Manchester, studies CHI and its effect on children's development, giving patients access to emerging treatments where appropriate.

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18F-DOPA PET-CT

specialised imaging to
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National

quaternary centre for CHI

1

Expert review before any commitment

The referring clinician sends the patient's clinical information, and the specialised CHI team reviews whether assessment or treatment in Manchester might be appropriate. A virtual welcome meeting outlines the proposed appointments, admissions and practical arrangements associated with the patient pathway.

2

Sophisticated assessment guides treatment

Approximately one week before planned surgery, the patient undergoes a specialised 18F-DOPA PET-CT scan under anaesthesia to precisely locate focal disease and plan surgery. A personalised anaesthetic and glucose management plan is also developed. The surgery then removes the minimum affected pancreatic tissue.

3

Specialised surgery and recovery, with referrers kept informed

After surgery, the patient is cared for in children's intensive care, then children's high dependency care, then a specialised children's ward. The overall stay is usually around five to six weeks. The referring clinician and sponsoring organisation are kept updated on progress, parents receive daily clinical updates with interpreters where needed, and family accommodation remains available throughout.

4

A planned handover to the home team

Before discharge, the team confirms the patient is medically stable, with a clear post-operative plan and established medication and glucose management. The referring clinician receives a full clinical handover. Responsibilities for ongoing follow-up between MFT and the home team are agreed before the family returns home. A short stay near the hospital may be recommended before international travel.

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Hirschsprung's Disease Surgery

What is Hirschsprung's Disease?

Hirschsprung's disease is a rare condition present at birth where nerve cells are missing from part of the bowel. Without these nerves, the bowel cannot move waste normally, leading to severe constipation, bowel obstruction and other potentially serious complications. Treatment usually involves specialised surgery to remove the affected section of bowel and restore normal bowel function.

The UK's largest paediatric and neonatal surgical unit

Hirschsprung's disease surgery at *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital* is delivered within the UK's largest paediatric and neonatal surgical unit.

Supported by specialist paediatric surgeons, anaesthetists, theatre teams and neonatal services on a single campus, patients benefit from coordinated care from diagnosis through to surgery, avoiding the delays and risks often associated with transfer between hospitals.

Comprehensive multidisciplinary expertise

Hirschsprung's disease can be associated with wider genetic conditions that influence treatment and ongoing care. Located on the same campus, the Manchester Centre for Genomic Medicine provides rapid access to specialised genetic expertise where required, helping families and referring clinicians gain a more complete understanding of each patient's condition.

Specialist diagnosis and personalised surgical care

Successful treatment begins with an accurate diagnosis. Specialist paediatric histopathology helps define the extent of disease before surgery, while access to consultant colorectal surgeons with expertise in Hirschsprung's disease and anorectal malformations ensures treatment is tailored to each child's anatomy and clinical needs. This allows the affected bowel to be removed safely while preserving long-term function.

Focused on lifelong outcomes

The goal of treatment extends beyond a successful operation. MFT provides structured bowel management, continence support and long-term multidisciplinary follow-up to optimise bowel function, quality of life and independence. Close collaboration with the child's home care team, supported by detailed handover and shared care planning, helps ensure continuity of care from childhood into adulthood.

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1

Specialist review

The surgical team reviews the patient's clinical history, diagnostic findings and previous treatment to assess suitability. Fitness to travel, bowel care before departure and arrangements for aftercare are agreed with the patient's home clinician.

2

Consultation and treatment planning

The child and family meet with the surgeon specialising in Hirschsprung's disease for at least two one-hour consultations, at least a week apart, with the second just 48 hours before surgery. These cover the procedure, risks, possibility of a stoma and ongoing bowel care.

3

Pre-operative assessment

The patient has an anaesthetic assessment and investigations, typically bowel imaging, renal screening and blood tests. If a rectal biopsy is needed, it takes place at a separate visit at least six weeks before definitive surgery.

4

Surgery and hospital recovery

The pull-through procedure is performed by specialised surgical, anaesthetic and theatre teams, with a typical hospital stay of around six days. Before discharge, the family receives guidance on bowel management, wound care, nutrition and medication.

5

Early follow-up and handover

A post-operative review around two weeks after surgery assesses healing, sometimes under anaesthetic. Where stoma closure is required, the proposed timing is at least six weeks after pull-through surgery, either at MFT or at an appropriately experienced centre in the patient's home country, and the patient's home clinician receives a full handover of surgical findings, investigation results and the bowel care plan.

Mr Philip Corbett – Consultant Paediatric and Neonatal Surgeon

Mr Corbett specialises in complex colorectal conditions in children, including Hirschsprung's disease, anorectal malformations and faecal incontinence. A graduate of Liverpool Medical School, he has worked in paediatric surgery for more than 20 years. He trained in leading teaching hospitals in Melbourne and London where he completed a dedicated clinical fellowship in paediatric colorectal surgery. Since joining Royal Manchester Children's Hospital as a consultant in 2018, he has delivered highly specialised, family-centred surgical care for children with complex bowel disorders, from diagnosis and surgery through to long-term bowel management.



Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Cartilage transfer and meniscus surgery

MFT Private Healthcare provides a comprehensive paediatric orthopaedic pathway for children requiring specialised knee surgery, cartilage transplantation and meniscus surgery. Each child's care brings together specialised assessment, surgery, physiotherapy-led rehabilitation and a structured handover to the local team, in one coordinated pathway.

Surgeons who specialise in the growing knee

A child's knee is not a small adult knee. Open growth plates, developing cartilage and decades of activity ahead all change which procedure is appropriate and how it is performed. Every operation is planned by paediatric orthopaedic surgeons, with the aim of preserving the meniscus and joint surface, wherever possible, to protect the knee for life.

The depth of a major children's hospital

As Royal Manchester Children's Hospital is home to the UK's largest paediatric and neonatal surgical unit and is also the UK's busiest paediatric Major Trauma Centre, its surgeons see a wide range of childhood musculoskeletal injury. Paediatric anaesthetists, radiologists, physiotherapists and rheumatologists are all based on the same site, enabling complex knee conditions to be fully assessed and

managed without the need for onward referral.

Day-case care designed around children

Suitable patients have their surgery and leave the hospital on the same day to stay at comfortable accommodation nearby. The child spends less time in hospital and returns to the comfort of family quickly.

Rehabilitation that continues at home

The result of knee surgery depends as much on rehabilitation as on the operation itself. A rehabilitation plan is agreed with the patient's home physiotherapy service before travel, so recovery continues at home without interruption.



- 1 Specialist Review**
Paediatric orthopaedic surgeons review the referral and imaging to confirm suitability for surgery. The review takes account of the patient's stage of skeletal growth, and any further imaging needed is identified at this point.
- 2 Consultation and Treatment Planning**
The family meet the surgeon to confirm the diagnosis and discuss treatment options. A personalised surgical and rehabilitation plan is agreed and shared with the patient's home consultant and physiotherapy team.
- 3 Day-case Surgery**
Surgery is carried out by specialised paediatric surgical and anaesthetic teams through a paediatric day-case pathway, where suitable. Discharge takes place the same day, subject to defined clinical criteria.
- 4 Rehabilitation and Review**
Physiotherapy begins in Manchester with guidance on weight-bearing, bracing and exercises. A review confirms recovery and fitness to travel.
- 5 Handover to the Home Team**
The patient's home clinician receives the operative findings, imaging, rehabilitation milestones, guidance on returning to sport and recommendations for follow-up.

Paediatric Surgery

Other procedures

Dual Consultant Care

All our paediatric surgery services are delivered through a dual consultant model, with two consultants overseeing each patient's care and treatment pathway. Together, they review imaging, consider treatment options, and plan and perform surgery, ensuring key decisions are informed by two experienced specialist opinions. This collaborative approach provides reassurance for patients and their families, while adding an additional layer of clinical oversight and patient safety.

Lung Resection

Paediatric lung resection at *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital* is delivered through a specialist thoracic surgery service with multidisciplinary planning. Where appropriate, minimally invasive techniques are used to reduce surgical trauma and support faster recovery. Care is coordinated with respiratory, intensive care and physiotherapy teams to ensure safe peri-operative management and strong long-term respiratory outcomes.

Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

Complex abdominal wall reconstruction is delivered for children with large or recurrent defects, using advanced techniques to restore anatomical integrity and functional strength. Care is planned through multidisciplinary review, with post-operative focus on durable repair and minimising any risk of recurrence.

Anorectal Malformation

Anorectal malformations (ARM) are a group of conditions some babies are born with that affect the development of the anus and rectum. *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital* provides specialised reconstruction for ARMs through a coordinated multidisciplinary pathway. Detailed anatomical assessment informs reconstruction, with input from colorectal surgery, urology and specialist nursing teams. Follow-up focuses on bowel function, continence and long-term quality of life across a spectrum of complexity.

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Mr Paul Farrelly – Consultant Paediatric and Neonatal Surgeon; Clinical Director for Specialist Children's Surgery.

Mr Farrelly specialises in paediatric oncology surgery, surgery for congenital hyperinsulinism, neonatal surgery and the general surgery of childhood. He is active in surgical research, training and clinical leadership and is a member of the National Neuroblastoma Advisory Panel.



Placenta Accreta Spectrum

What is Placenta Accreta Spectrum (PAS)?

PAS is a rare but serious pregnancy condition in which the placenta becomes abnormally attached to the wall of the womb. Because the placenta does not separate normally after birth, specialised surveillance, delivery planning and multidisciplinary care are often needed to reduce the risk of severe bleeding, other complications, and fetal and maternal mortality. It is a leading cause of catastrophic haemorrhage and emergency hysterectomy, and its incidence is rising worldwide in parallel with increasing caesarean-section rates. Outcomes depend heavily on antenatal diagnosis and delivery planning within a specialised centre with expertise in Placenta Accreta Spectrum care.

A specialist centre for complex pregnancy

Saint Mary's Hospital is a highly specialised tertiary maternity centre with co-located neonatal intensive care, critical care, advanced imaging and specialised surgical services. This enables the full multidisciplinary team required for PAS care to be delivered within a single site, supporting coordinated clinical decision-making and continuity of care.

Dedicated Complex Obstetric Surgery service

Established in 2016, the Complex Obstetric Surgery service provides care for women requiring high-risk surgery during pregnancy, including PAS. The team supports women throughout the pathway, from diagnosis and treatment planning to delivery and postnatal follow-up.

Specialist assessment and referral

Saint Mary's Hospital is a recognised centre for national and international referrals, offering dedicated diagnostic assessment for suspected PAS and multidisciplinary treatment planning. Women referred from other hospitals receive a foeto-maternal scan at 22–24 weeks, with a personalised delivery plan developed with input from the wider team as required.

Comprehensive surgical and transfusion support

The service benefits from an onsite blood bank, 24-hour access to cell salvage, and specialist support from urological, colorectal and vascular

surgeons with expertise in complex pelvic surgery, ensuring the resources needed for complex PAS procedures are immediately available.

Leading and advancing PAS care

The team at *Saint Mary's Hospital* established the North West PAS Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), which reviews ultrasound and MRI imaging where appropriate to support other clinicians across the region. The service continues to advance PAS care through protocol development, multidisciplinary collaboration, research-informed practice, and innovations in diagnostic imaging, perioperative management and surgical techniques designed to improve maternal outcomes.

Support for women and their families

Alongside advanced clinical and surgical care, the team provides dedicated psychological and emotional support to women and their families throughout diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

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Complex Obstetric Surgery

The service is a leading specialist centre providing an integrated care pathway for women with PAS, delivered through a dedicated multidisciplinary team with expertise in diagnosis, surgical management and perioperative care.

Very few centres can bring this breadth of specialised expertise together within a single service.

The team also works with international partners to share expertise, support service development and improve access to specialist PAS care.

Our specialist team includes:

- Foeto-maternal obstetricians specialising in PAS.
- Gynaecological and pelvic surgeons experienced in complex obstetric surgery.
- Obstetric anaesthetists specialising in high-risk maternity care.
- Radiologists specialising in PAS diagnosis.
- Interventional radiologists supporting the management of blood loss during surgery.
- A dedicated High Dependency Unit, supported by specialised midwifery and nursing teams.
- A neonatal unit experienced in care of premature babies from 24 weeks' gestation.

Dr Yara Mohammed – Clinical Director in Gynaecology Services and Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

Dr Mohammed graduated from the University of Leicester in 2004 and completed her specialty training in the North West, before being appointed as a Consultant at *Saint Mary's Hospital* in 2016. Dr Mohammed leads the Complex Obstetric Surgery Service, with a focus on abnormally invasive placentae (Placenta Accreta Spectrum) and surgical co-morbidities in pregnancy. She is an active member of the International Society for Placenta Accreta Spectrum and the British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy.



MFT Global Talent Development

Experiential clinical and professional development

What is MFT Global Talent Development?

MFT Global Talent Development creates opportunities for healthcare professionals from around the world to experience NHS practice first-hand through tailored observerships, fellowships, clinical placements and workforce exchange programmes. By connecting high-potential candidates across the globe with leading clinicians and healthcare teams, we support professional development, international collaboration and the sharing of best practice across healthcare systems.

Learning from leading specialists

As a group of leading specialised hospitals, we offer clinical programmes that provide access to advanced clinical environments, internationally recognised consultants and multidisciplinary teams delivering world-class care.

Tailored programmes across specialties

Our programmes span a range of specialties and clinical disciplines, offering tailored learning experiences grounded in strong governance and quality improvement. Whether observing advanced clinical techniques, participating in specialised services or exploring new models of care, participants gain insights that strengthen their practice and broaden their perspectives.

Through structured placements, participants benefit from exposure to complex case management, multidisciplinary decision-making and high standards of care, supporting both individual professional development and wider healthcare system improvement.

Building lasting capability

By combining structured placements with exposure to established clinical pathways and service innovation, we help individuals and organisations build the knowledge, confidence and capability needed to deliver sustainable improvement, strengthen workforce development and embed a culture of clinical excellence.



	Observership	Fellowship
Duration	4-12 weeks	12-24 months
Experience	Purely observational, no patient contact	Hands-on clinical practice
Content	First-hand insight into NHS practice, operational models and specialised services through structured observation of multidisciplinary teams.	Intensive training programme combining clinical experience, mentorship and exposure to specialised multidisciplinary services.
Ideal for	Early career clinicians	Experienced clinicians

View MFT's Programmes

At MFT we are able to offer clinical placements within a wide range of specialties. Scan the QR code to explore our standard programmes.

Do you have a specific need? We'd be delighted to discuss a bespoke programme for your team.



"I am deeply grateful for my time at the prestigious Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust on their Fellowship Programme. The induction was smooth, the team welcoming, and the learning opportunities, both clinical and academic, were outstanding. Working alongside skilled clinicians and attending conferences helped me grow immensely as a doctor. I highly recommend this programme to any International Medical Graduate seeking excellent training and genuine support in the UK."

**Arunath Visvalingam,
International Fellow**



Pastoral Support

Personal welfare throughout placements

Welcome and wellbeing

We recognise the wellbeing of visiting participants is essential to a successful placement and achieving the most from their time with us. Our pastoral support runs throughout their journey, ensuring they feel welcome and supported to thrive.

Before arrival

Before their arrival, participants receive support through the visa and immigration process, with guidance on documentation and likely timelines.

During the placement

Participants receive a personalised welcome pack containing information on Manchester, the workplace and their specialty. Regular one-to-one check-ins are available during their stay with a member of our team to ensure continual personal support.

Completing the placement

At the conclusion of the placement, participants are invited to attend an exit interview to share their experiences and feedback. They also receive an official certificate recognising their contribution and participation. For those participating in a fellowship, we offer guidance to help prepare for the next steps of their professional development.

“From arrival through to completion of the placement, participants benefit from a structured support programme, designed to ensure a positive and rewarding experience.”



- 1 Welcome to Manchester**
Meeting on arrival and entry into the UK.
- 2 Understanding the city**
Orientation to the city, local amenities and places of interest.
- 3 Navigating the work environment**
Peer buddies, staff forums and hospital tours.
- 4 Continuous practical support**
Regular check-ins, practical advice.
- 5 Alumni engagement**
Portfolio development, ongoing professional opportunities.

Dr Bivan Saha – Associate Medical Director for Workforce across Specialist Hospitals Clinical Group, Consultant Neonatologist and Paediatrician

Alongside his clinical and leadership responsibilities, Dr Saha is passionate about developing the healthcare workforce through international training programmes. He also contributes to postgraduate medical education as an examiner for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

“Developing the next generation of healthcare professionals is one of the most rewarding aspects of my role. By creating high-quality educational programmes and supporting clinicians from around the world, we can help build a skilled, compassionate and sustainable workforce that improves patient care for the future.”



Bespoke Educational Programmes

Education designed around your priorities



Built around your goals

MFT Events & Education delivers bespoke educational courses designed around your healthcare priorities, workforce requirements and strategic objectives. Whether supporting a single specialty team or a whole health system, our programmes are tailored to local needs, ensuring the content, format and learning outcomes align with your workforce development goals. Drawing on expertise from one of the UK's largest and most diverse hospital trusts, we offer the opportunity to learn from clinicians working at the forefront of modern healthcare, alongside highly experienced executives and business managers.

Expert faculty, flexible delivery

Our courses are taught by expert faculty, including internationally recognised consultants, senior nurses, allied health professionals, researchers and healthcare leaders. Training can be delivered in Manchester, on-site at partner organisations, or through virtual and blended learning formats. From clinical skills and service development to leadership, quality improvement and healthcare management, our programmes combine practical learning with real-world NHS experience, equipping participants with the knowledge and

skills to drive improvement within their own organisations.

Learning that changes services

Programmes are tailored to support service transformation, workforce development and capability building, helping healthcare organisations strengthen quality, improve outcomes and develop sustainable models of care.

“Tailored programmes that combine expert-led learning with real-world NHS experience, helping healthcare organisations build capability, strengthen services and improve outcomes.”

**Develop
your
team**



National Breast Imaging Academy

A proven model for building breast imaging capacity

What is the National Breast Imaging Academy (NBIA)?

Rising demand for breast cancer screening and diagnosis is outpacing the supply of specialist radiologists in health systems worldwide. NBIA was established to solve exactly this challenge at a national scale. It has increased capacity by training a broader multidisciplinary workforce of radiologists, radiographers and breast clinicians to deliver high-quality imaging safely and efficiently. Hosted by MFT, the NBIA was developed with the Royal College of Radiologists, the Society and College of Radiographers, and leading clinical associations and breast cancer charities. Its training model is now available to health systems worldwide, helping partners build the workforce they need to deliver high-quality breast imaging locally.

How The NBIA can support your organisation

A specialist training environment

The NBIA is based in purpose-built training facilities alongside the Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital, home to one of the UK's largest breast screening services. Education, clinical care and research take place within a single integrated environment, so participants learn alongside a working service with dedicated space for patient appointments and research activity.

Faculty from across the breast team

Programmes are delivered by an experienced faculty with specialists from radiology, radiography, and breast surgery. Learning is designed for the entire multidisciplinary team, building research capacity and contributing directly to patient care.

Designed with you, not for you

We do not simply deliver training. We work alongside organisations to co-design workforce and education solutions that reflect their population needs, strategic priorities and local healthcare environment. Each programme can be designed to support workforce expansion, service transformation, quality improvement and the long

-term delivery of quality breast imaging services internationally.

Who we work with

We work with hospitals, healthcare providers, universities, governments and national screening programmes seeking to strengthen breast imaging services and build workforce capability.

What we offer

Education and training

- Bespoke short courses and masterclasses
- Multidisciplinary breast imaging workshops
- International observerships and fellowships
- Train-the-trainer and faculty development programmes
- Virtual and blended learning packages
- Advanced practice pathways for radiographers and breast clinicians

Service development

- Breast screening programme design and optimisation
- Service redesign and implementation support
- Competency frameworks and quality assurance



What partners gain

A workforce equipped for local population needs

Healthcare professionals develop practical capability across mammography, breast ultrasound, image interpretation and multidisciplinary decision-making. Programmes reflect the importance of ultrasound and combined-modality assessment within local screening pathways, supporting effective imaging for younger populations and women with dense breast tissue.

Greater diagnostic capacity

Healthcare organisations can broaden professional roles, make better use of scarce specialist expertise and increase the number of people assessed safely and efficiently. Train-the-trainer and faculty development models help retain expertise locally, build service resilience and extend capability across hospital networks.

Screening designed to support earlier diagnosis

Partners can develop evidence-informed pathways aligned with population risk, breast density, available technology and local healthcare infrastructure. Stronger local breast imaging services can improve access to reliable assessment, support timely onward care and build a more sustainable response to growing demand.

Consistent quality across services

Competency frameworks, standardised practice and quality assurance support greater consistency in image acquisition, interpretation, referral and follow-up. This is particularly important where workforce capacity, service quality and access vary between hospitals or regions.

Dr Mary Wilson – Co-founder of the NBIA

Dr Wilson completed radiology training in Nottingham and Sweden before taking up a consultant breast radiologist post at the Nightingale Centre in 1990. She was Director of the Greater Manchester Breast Screening Service from 2000 to 2015, and for some years a Divisional Medical Director at Wythenshawe Hospital.

Dr Wilson is the overall lead for the National Breast Imaging Academy.



Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

Advanced, life-saving cardiorespiratory support

What is ECMO?

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) is a highly specialised treatment option for people who need additional support getting oxygen into their blood as a result of lung failure. The treatment works by pumping a patient's blood through an oxygenator (artificial lung) outside of their body. This necessitates placing some large tubes (cannulae) into some of the veins (or sometimes arteries) in the neck or in the groin.

The ECMO service at Wythenshawe Hospital is one of only five adult ECMO centres in the UK and one of only two centres nationally with co-located ECMO and transplant services. This unique combination of expertise means that critically ill patients have access to some of the most advanced cardiopulmonary support available, alongside specialised transplant care where required.

The ECMO training programme equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to support the safe administration, monitoring and ongoing management of patients receiving ECMO therapy.

What do participants gain?

This course helps your service to build the capability to deliver advanced respiratory support safely within your own critical care services.

Through a combination of classroom teaching, simulation-based learning, and supervised clinical observation, participants will develop a comprehensive understanding of ECMO indications, circuit management, troubleshooting, patient monitoring, complication management, and weaning strategies.

By learning alongside the specialist ECMO team at Wythenshawe Hospital, participants gain exposure

to established clinical pathways, multidisciplinary working practices, and approaches to delivering safe, high-quality care in a highly specialised environment. Successful participants receive a certificate recognising completion of the programme and achievement of the learning objectives.

Entry Requirements

- Recognised English language qualification
- A medical or nursing degree
- 3 years of clinical practice managing acutely unwell patients

Course content and assessment

Participants will explore a wide range of topics related to ECMO including:

- History and types of ECMO
- Indications
- ECMO circuit
- Practical cannulation session
- Practical circuit troubleshooting session
- Imaging including use of ultrasound
- Microbiology
- Tour of the critical care unit
- Simulation – cannulation and emergencies
- ECMO complications
- ECMO weaning

The course is taught in person by our expert nursing team. Candidates are assessed through a formal presentation at the end of weeks 1 and 3.

Week 1

Orientation

- Arrive in Manchester
- Visit the City Centre
- Hospital and library tour
- Programme Induction
- ECMO insight session

Optional

- English lessons
- Improving confidence in conversation and medical terminology.

Week 2

Classes and simulation

- Classroom-based teaching including monitoring patients, managing complications, the ECMO circuit, the clotting cascade.
- Practise skills in a wet lab, providing hands-on experience.

Optional

- English lessons
- Evening visit to local places of interest

Week 3

Clinical practice

- Observe real ECMO activity.
- Observe and assist experienced ECMO-specialist nurses with procedures.
- Prepare a presentation of your learning and the experiences you take home.

Optional

- Celebratory evening meal

Develop
your
team



MFT Consulting

Partner with MFT to build and develop services in your country, for your population

Beyond a single patient

The greatest value an international partnership can create is not a single treated patient or single trained clinician, but a stronger service that goes on to serve thousands. Through *MFT Consulting*, we work in partnership with health systems, hospitals, universities and governments to strengthen healthcare services and develop local expertise.

“We bring the clinical depth, operational experience and academic rigour to help you achieve your aims, and to make it sustainable once we step back.”

Expertise that stays with you

Drawing on the experience of one of the UK’s leading hospital trusts, we focus on transferring knowledge and building capability so that lasting benefits remain with your workforce, your organisation and your country. Our approach is evidence-led, outcomes-focused and grounded in multidisciplinary working, robust clinical governance and continuous improvement.

From new services to whole pathways

Whether you are establishing a new service, enhancing an existing service to achieve international standards, or reshaping an entire pathway, we bring the clinical depth, operational experience and academic rigour required to help you achieve your aims and ensure improvements remain sustainable long after project delivery.

A partner at every stage

The pages that follow show how MFT works alongside partners at every stage: caring for the patients who cannot yet be treated locally, sharing our expertise with the clinicians who will care for them in future, and helping to design services that can stand on their own. Wherever a partnership begins, the goal is the same: to build local capability that endures, reducing long-term reliance on overseas referrals and ensuring specialist expertise remains where it is needed most.

Have a quick chat



What MFT Consulting can help you develop

Set up new services

Establishing a specialised service from the ground up: clinical model, workforce, equipment specification and governance.

Service design and improvement

Raising an existing service to international standards, from pathways and flow to quality and outcomes.

Clinical pathway and theatre design

The planned, multidisciplinary pathways that turn high-risk care into planned, well-managed care.

Workforce and capability building

Training, fellowships, observerships and consultant –to-consultant mentorship that leave expertise in place.

Clinical governance, quality and safety

Audit, standards, accreditation readiness and a culture of safe, accountable care. We can help develop practice and professional culture locally.

Research and academic collaboration

Joint research and education that builds a lasting institutional relationship.

Customise your journey

Start where you are

Some partners come to us with a single complex case. Others want to develop the skills of one team, or to build a new specialised service. Each can be delivered as an individual package.

Combine what you need

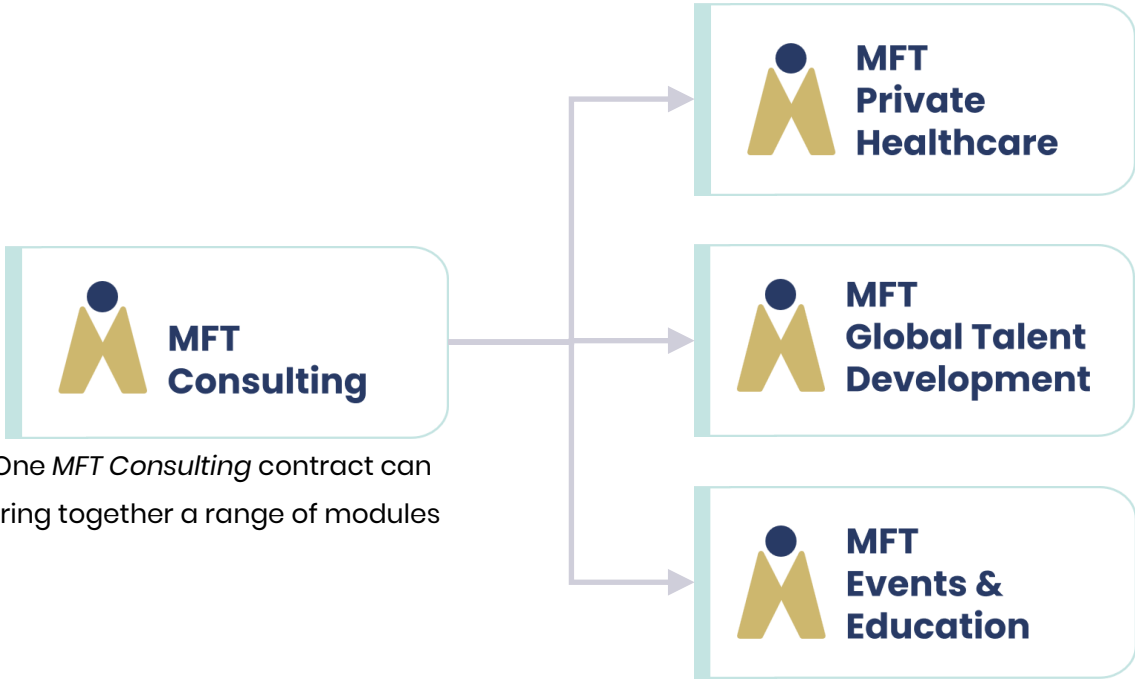
Many partners require a combination of these approaches at different stages of their journey. A combined offer may initially start with *MFT Private Healthcare* providing direct clinical care, while *MFT Global Talent Development* provides practical experiences and knowledge so your teams develop the necessary skills to retain care locally.

A partnership that grows with you

Some wish to retain access to *MFT Private Healthcare* for the most complex patients, where a second opinion or advanced treatment not yet available locally might help most.

The partnership might then evolve, providing ongoing education to maintain world-class skills and even undertaking joint research.

You are in control. Draw on what you need, when you need it.



One *MFT Consulting* contract can bring together a range of modules

Sexual Assault Referral Centre

A Case Study: Establishing a specialised service where none existed

The challenge

A healthcare system sought to establish its first dedicated service for people affected by rape and sexual assault. Creating a specialised service required more than a physical facility. Clinical pathways, governance arrangements, workforce competencies and operating procedures all needed to be defined to ensure survivors could access safe, consistent and coordinated care. The service also needed to reflect local legislation, available resources and cultural context while bringing together healthcare, police, safeguarding and wider support services into a single, coherent model.

How MFT helped

Drawing on over 40 years of experience from *Saint Mary's Hospital*, home to the UK's first Sexual Assault Referral Centre, *MFT Consulting* worked alongside local stakeholders to adapt proven models of care.

Proven protocols, adapted for local use

MFT provided a comprehensive suite of clinical and operational procedures developed through decades of specialised practice. Working collaboratively with local stakeholders, these protocols were reviewed and adapted to align with local legislation, reporting requirements, workforce structures and available resources.

Defining a coordinated service model

Support focused on helping clarify how healthcare providers, police, safeguarding services and other agencies would work together.

This included defining responsibilities, governance arrangements and escalation pathways to support a coordinated response.

Mapping the survivor journey

MFT helped design a clear end-to-end pathway, covering first disclosure, clinical assessment, forensic examination, safeguarding, follow-up care and longer-term support. The aim was to create a service that was both clinically robust and practical to deliver within the local setting.

A foundation for future development

Alongside service design, MFT provided guidance, practical tools and implementation advice to support workforce development, service consistency and ongoing maturation of the service over time.

What the partner gains

For survivors

People affected by sexual assault benefit from faster access to support through a coordinated pathway that brings together healthcare, safeguarding and wider support services. Standardised procedures help ensure care is delivered consistently and sensitively.

For healthcare professionals

Healthcare professionals gain proven pathways, standardised operating procedures and practical frameworks that support the delivery of consistent, trauma-informed care. Clear guidance and governance help staff manage complex and sensitive situations with greater confidence.

For healthcare organisations

Organisations benefit from an established service model built on proven practice. Standardised procedures and clearly defined governance arrangements create a more consistent and sustainable service, while reducing the time and risk associated with developing systems independently.

For healthcare systems and governments

The greatest benefit is the creation of local capability where none previously existed. Rather than relying on fragmented responses, healthcare systems gain a dedicated service model designed around the needs of survivors. Over time, this helps improve coordination between agencies.

Could this work for you?

Every element is available on its own or as part of a comprehensive package:

- Clinical protocols and SOPs
- Multi-agency governance frameworks
- End-to-end patient pathway mapping
- Staff training and competency assessment
- Remote advice from specialists
- Courses through *MFT Events & Education*



1986
UK's first SARC opened at Saint Mary's Hospital

40 years
of specialised practice behind every protocol

One pathway
joining health, police and social care

Embryology & Fertility

A Case Study: Developing a specialist workforce

The challenge

Embryology is a highly specialised discipline where maintaining consistent standards requires structured training, robust assessment and exposure to best practice. An international fertility centre sought to strengthen the development of its embryology workforce, benchmark its training programme against leading international standards and provide its scientists with first-hand experience of a major UK service.

Recognising the value of learning from a laboratory operating within one of the world's most rigorously regulated healthcare environments, the organisation selected MFT as its partner to support the ongoing development of its embryology and assisted reproduction workforce.

How MFT is helping

We designed a service around the partner's own objectives.

International embryologists join our team in Manchester for structured observerships, seeing laboratory workflows, multidisciplinary meetings and clinical pathways first-hand.

Between visits, our specialists deliver online masterclasses on clinical, technical and innovation topics chosen by the partner.

We also contribute to the partner's examinations and competency assessments, marking papers and participating in viva panels.

Every activity is delivered within our HFEA-regulated governance framework, with clearly agreed boundaries, senior oversight and an annual review of quality, compliance and participant feedback.

What the partner gains

For healthcare professionals Participants gain the confidence, skills and insight to deliver care in line with international best practice. They return better equipped to lead improvements, support colleagues and raise standards within their team.

For healthcare organisations The programme strengthens workforce capability, helping organisations improve quality, patient safety and patient experience. By developing specialist expertise locally, organisations can expand services, reduce reliance on external support and retain valuable talent.

For healthcare systems and governments Building local expertise increases the capacity to deliver specialised care closer to home, reducing the need for patients to travel abroad for treatment. This supports more sustainable healthcare services, lowers costs associated with overseas referrals, improves access to care and strengthens long-term healthcare resilience and self-sufficiency.

Observe

Structured placements in our laboratories

Learn

Online masterclasses shaped to your priorities

Assess

Independent support for examinations

Diabetic Retinopathy

Diabetic Eye Care: Expanding system capacity

What is Diabetic Retinopathy?

Diabetic retinopathy is one of the leading causes of preventable blindness worldwide, particularly among working-age adults. Damage to the blood vessels at the back of the eye can lead to sight loss if left untreated. However, with timely detection, monitoring and treatment, many cases of vision loss can be prevented.

MFT's experience

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital is recognised for its leadership in diabetic eye care and for developing innovative models that improve access, capacity and patient experience. The service provides specialised assessment, monitoring and treatment for diabetic eye disease, including laser therapy, intravitreal injections and complex retinal surgery. Through virtual clinics and multidisciplinary working, the service successfully manages rising demand while delivering high-quality care and exceeding UK standards.

What we offer partners

MFT Consulting offers access to the expertise, operating models, standard operating procedures and practical experience behind one of the UK's leading services. Through observerships, advice on technology, pathway review, and workforce development, we support partners seeking to modernise diabetic eye care, expand capacity and implement digitally enabled models of care.

Impact for individuals Healthcare professionals

Participants gain practical experience of delivering diabetic retinopathy services within a high-volume NHS setting. They return with new perspectives on pathway design, service delivery and quality assurance that can be adapted to support improvements in their own organisations.

For healthcare organisations Organisations benefit from a more capable workforce, stronger clinical governance and more efficient use of specialised expertise. This can support improved patient safety and experience, increased service capacity, reduced waiting times and the ability to deliver a greater proportion of care locally.

For healthcare systems and governments By strengthening local capability and adopting proven models of care, health systems can improve access to specialist services while making better use of existing resources. Earlier intervention and more effective management of long-term conditions can improve population health outcomes and reduce avoidable complications.

Mrs Yvonne D'Souza – Consultant Ophthalmologist and Clinical Lead for Diabetic Eye Disease

Mrs D'Souza leads the diabetic eye disease service, specialising in medical retina and diabetic retinopathy. She trained at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, St Paul's Eye Unit in Liverpool and Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, and holds a doctorate from the University of Manchester. A widely published author, peer reviewer and educator, she has contributed to European work on diabetic screening.



MFT General Hospitals

From pre-conception through every stage of life



As the UK's largest NHS Trust and one of the country's most advanced integrated healthcare systems, MFT provides expert care from pre-conception through every stage of life. The Trust brings together seven general hospitals, three specialised hospitals, and a wide range of community services. This major healthcare network brings together the expertise of nationally and internationally recognised centres. We are the principal provider of hospital care for people across Manchester and the largest provider of specialised services in the whole North West region of England.

At the heart of MFT is a commitment to innovation, education and continuous improvement. Working in partnership with leading universities, research institutions and industry, our clinicians contribute to pioneering developments in healthcare, helping to translate research into better outcomes for patients. This close integration of clinical care, research and education creates a dynamic environment for learning, collaboration and the

adoption of new technologies and treatments.

For healthcare professionals and organisations seeking to engage with the NHS, MFT offers access to a diverse range of specialised services, multidisciplinary expertise and large-scale healthcare delivery.

Our general hospitals have a full range of secondary care services, and each has some specialised services.

- **Trafford General Hospital** — the birthplace of the NHS
- **North Manchester General Hospital**
- **Manchester Royal Infirmary**
- **University Dental Hospital Manchester**
- **Wythenshawe Hospital**
- **Withington Hospital**
- **Altrincham Hospital**

MFT Specialised Hospitals

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital is the largest and busiest children's hospital in the UK, providing highly specialised tertiary and quaternary care across almost every area of paediatric medicine and surgery. Located on Manchester's Oxford Road Campus, the hospital serves patients from across the UK and internationally, combining nearly 200 years of paediatric healthcare expertise with world-leading clinical services, research and innovation.

The hospital is internationally recognised for paediatric haemato-oncology and transplantation. Its haematopoietic stem cell transplant service is the largest outside London, providing advanced treatments for malignant, inherited and metabolic disorders. The hospital also hosts the Manchester Paediatric Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre, leading research into cellular therapies, immunotherapy and gene-based treatments.

Combining specialist clinical practice, pioneering research and multidisciplinary expertise, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital offers access to some of the UK's most advanced paediatric services.

Saint Mary's Hospital – Women and Newborn

Saint Mary's Hospital is one of the UK's leading centres for women's health, maternity care, neonatal medicine and reproductive health, treating patients across the North West of England, nationally and internationally. Its integrated model brings together maternal medicine, fetal medicine, neonatal intensive care, reproductive medicine, genomics, gynaecology and specialist surgical services within a single academic healthcare campus.

The hospital is internationally recognised for complex maternal and fetal care, providing specialist management for high-risk pregnancies through multidisciplinary teams. Its Fetal Medicine Unit is one of England's nationally commissioned specialised centres, delivering advanced prenatal diagnostics, fetal therapy and care for babies with complex congenital conditions.

The newborn intensive care service is one of the largest in the UK and works closely with the Manchester Centre for Neonatal Surgery, enabling highly specialised care for premature and critically unwell newborns.

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital has been at the forefront of ophthalmic care since 1814 and is one of the UK's leading specialist eye hospitals. As the second-largest standalone ophthalmology hospital in the country and the tertiary referral centre for the North West of England, it provides highly specialised care for patients with complex and rare eye conditions.

The hospital delivers services across the full spectrum of ophthalmology, including medical, surgical and ophthalmic imaging. Its clinicians are recognised leaders in their fields.

Combining expertise, innovation and a long-standing tradition of excellence, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital offers access to one of the UK's most established and respected ophthalmology centres.

Interested in our services?

We would be delighted to hear from you



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Start with a conversation

A short scoping call to understand your priorities and where MFT can add the most value. No commitment, just conversation.

Refer a patient

Improve the care for your local patients by referring complex cases for diagnostic opinions or treatment.

Develop your people

A fellowship, observership or bespoke course through *MFT Global Talent Development* or *MFT Events & Education*.

Build your services

Work with *MFT Consulting* to establish, strengthen or transform specialist healthcare services.



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