

# Building resilience and growth through establishing new partnerships across University Hospital of Llandough and beyond.

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## Our Roots:

Following the success of the research delivery team who moved across to University Hospital of Llandough (UHL) during the pandemic to deliver COVID-19 trials; it is important for us to maintain the momentum and build on the ground work put in place. For research to grow at UHL, it is important for us to make new connections, engage clinical teams and raise the profile of research. On discovering studies that didn't fit our current pathway, instead of declining them, we have looked at who we may be able to collaborate with to make them a success.

## Our Aims:

- Engage research naive teams across the hospital
- Increase awareness of research across the hospital site
- Increase opportunities to set up studies with novel interventions
- Expand the research portfolio in UHL
- Increase the number of non-medic principal investigators

## What we are doing to grow



**Communication**  
Delivering teaching sessions for clinical teams and sharing our training resources.



**Flexibility**  
Going to wards, offices and off-site locations to meet the teams and share our knowledge. Being open to learning new skills ourselves.



**Visibility**  
Regularly visiting clinical areas to meet with staff, talk to patients and increase the visibility of research.

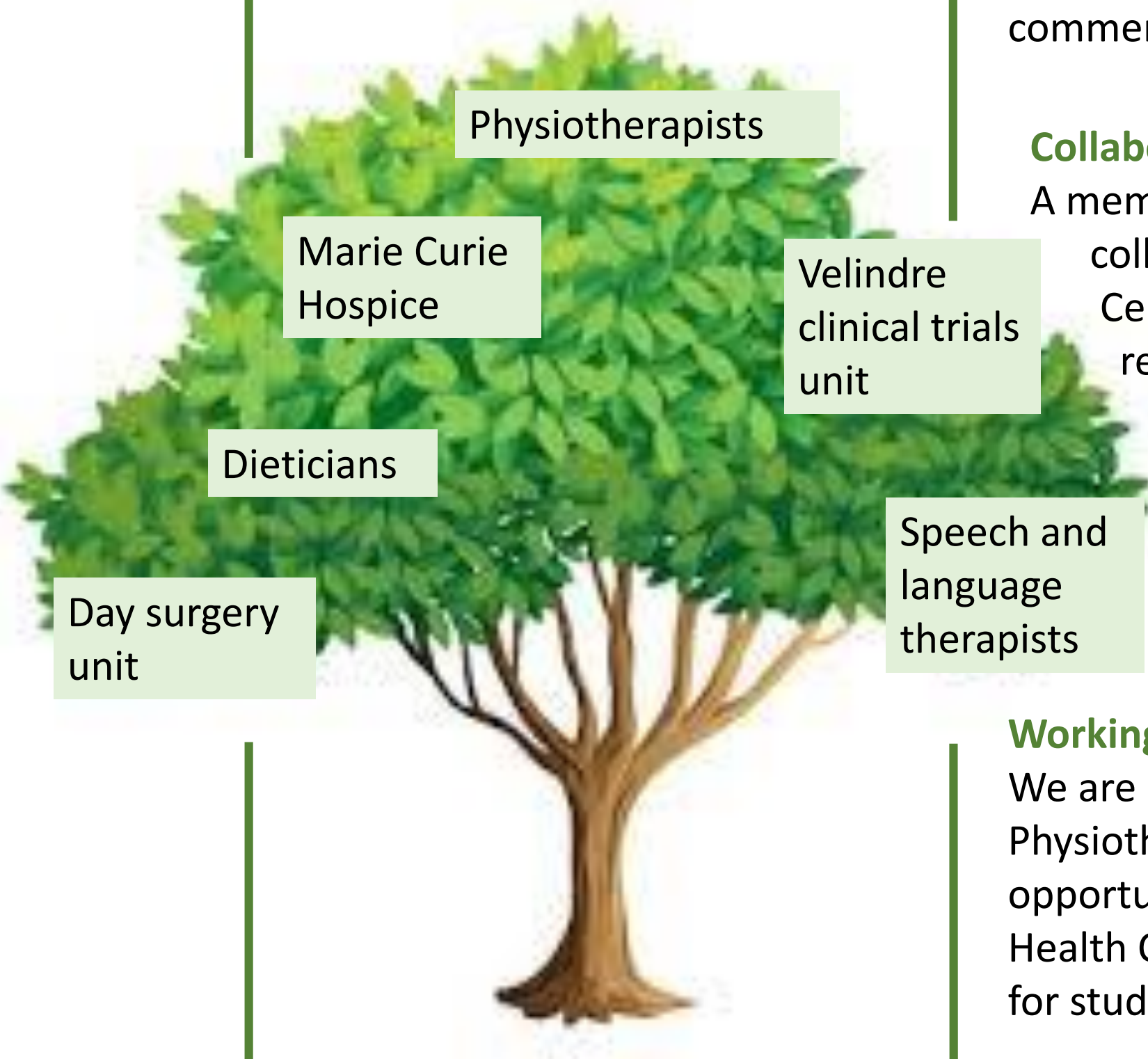


**MDT approach**  
Building an ethos of working in partnership rather than expecting the clinical team to deliver the research independently.



**Beyond UHL**  
Making links with Velindre clinical trials unit and Marie Curie Hospice, allowing us to set up studies across more than one organisation

## Clinical teams we are now working with.



## Examples of our growth:

### Learning new skills:

One of our research delivery staff is training to deliver a Speech and language intervention for stroke patients. In return the Speech and language therapy team have agreed to become blinded assessors for the study.

### Building on our portfolio

Since having a team in UHL, we have been able to support the clinical team for metabolic diseases and have built their research portfolio up from 1 study to 6 studies, with the majority of these being commercial studies.

### Collaborating outside of UHL

A member of our research delivery team is collaborating with the Velindre Cancer Centre in order to set up and deliver a research study that spans both sites. Another member of our team is supporting the Marie Curie Hospice to enable them to take part in an end of life research study.

### Working with non-medic Principle investigators

We are currently supporting a study whose PI is a Physiotherapist and we are looking for opportunities to support and encourage other Health Care professionals to take on the role of PI, for studies within their specialist areas.

## Plans for the future

We are extremely proud that we have been able to open six interventional trials in the last year, with six teams that were either research naive or that we haven't collaborated with previously. By building these positive partnerships we are future proofing the team, ensuring research activity increases year on year. We will continue to seek new opportunities to collaborate with allied health professionals and research naive teams and raise the profile of research across UHL.