

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre is a well-respected, highly specialised cancer centre based in Northwood in Middlesex providing care to over 5,000 patients a year. It is currently run by East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (ENHT) and consistently receives positive patient feedback.

We are seeking to maintain and expand the Cancer Centre staff as we move to an exciting new future.

To ensure that current and future patients will receive the most modern cancer treatment, NHS England recently carried out a review, conducted by independent clinicians, of the cancer services delivered at the Mount Vernon Centre.

The clinicians recommended that the running of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre services be transferred to a tertiary cancer provider, allowing access to the most modern technology, intensive care facilities and access to complex treatment and clinical trials. They also recommended that two operational options are explored further:

- Moving all existing facilities to an acute hospital site
- A hub at Mount Vernon for services such as radiotherapy, chemotherapy and outpatients, with inpatients and brachytherapy services moving to an acute hospital or specialist cancer centre.

Making these changes would mean that services, including for those who are most unwell, will continue well into the future – providing high quality care for the local populations it currently serves. The location of these services, and how they are delivered, may change.

NHS England are currently seeking bids for a tertiary cancer provider to take over the running of the Cancer Centre, and any proposed changes to the service will be part of a full consultation during 2020 involving patients, carers, staff, the public and stakeholders.

While this process is underway, the Cancer Centre will continue to provide high-quality care to cancer patients, and even if there are changes, the services will continue to be delivered, only under a new provider.

We welcome applications from those who would relish the opportunity to be a part of the new cancer centre of the future, building on the excellent reputation, research and patient experience the centre already delivers.