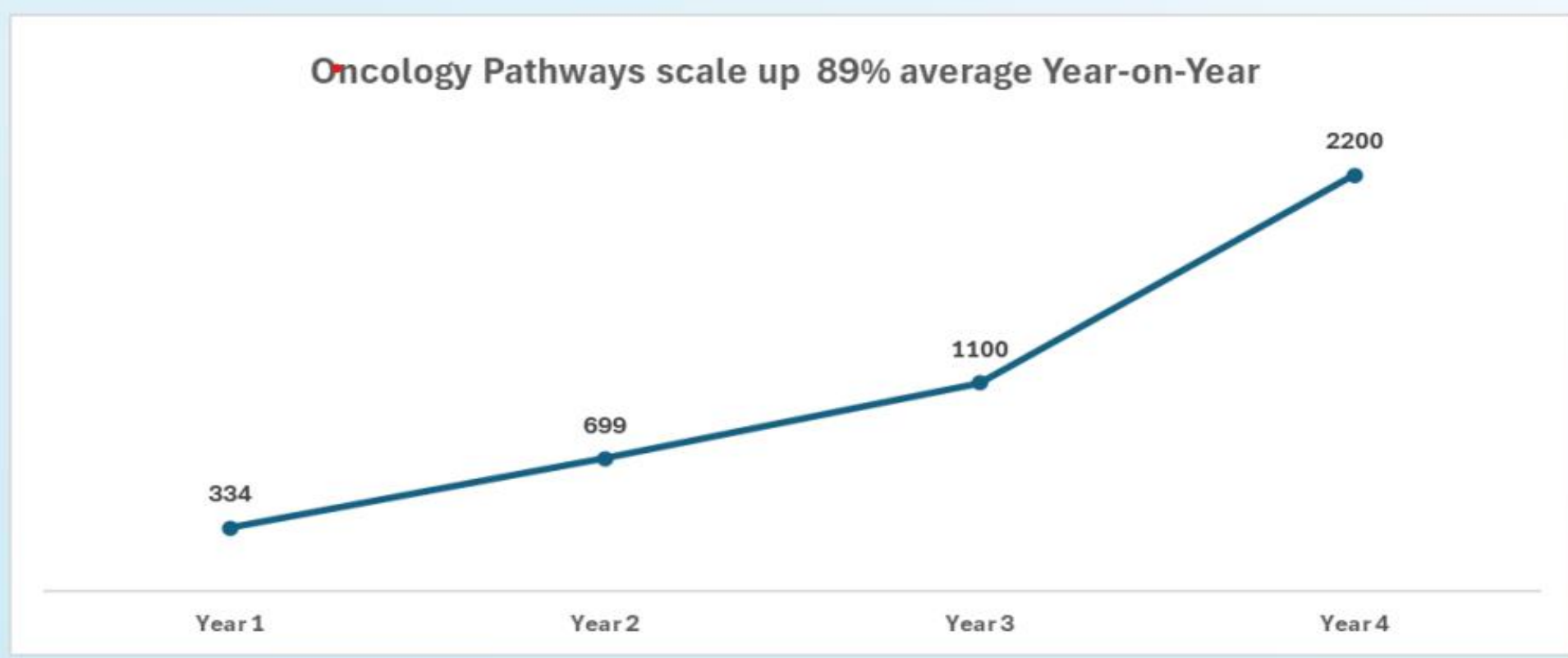


# The development of ACCEND multi-media resources to support, develop and enhance pre-registration Nurses and AHP experiences in cancer care.



NHS England (2022), through its Clinical Placement Expansion Programme, funded the design and implementation of an Oncology Pathways Digital Clinical Placement (DCP). This innovative placement model was developed and led by a team of Therapeutic Radiographer Clinical Educationalists at The Christie NHS Hospital.

The DCP provides a flexible model that enables access to traditionally hard-to-reach clinical placement opportunities, aligning with both learner and system needs.

Between 2022 and 2025, there has been a significant increase in learner numbers from Adult, Mental Health, Children and Young Persons and Learning Disability pre-registration nursing branches. All higher education institutions in Greater Manchester have accessed this placement, alongside learners from across England.



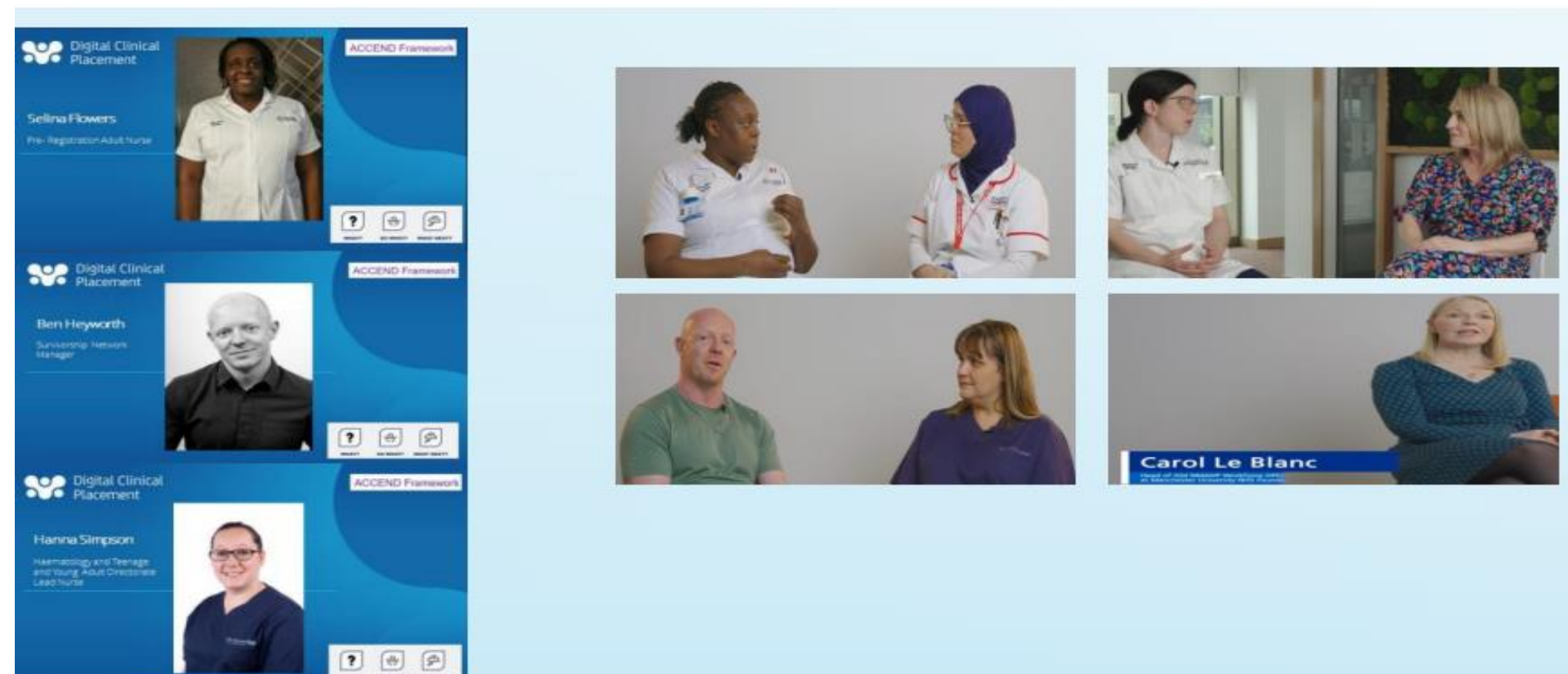
## Project Aims and Outcomes

- Map the Oncology Pathways DCP programme to the ACCEND pre-registration capability domains.
- Utilise stakeholder voices to create and share a digital montage of stakeholder experiences and lessons learned.
- Evaluate the learner experience from over 1,000 learners, generating key themes.
- Evaluate the experiences of Oncology Professionals contributing to the DCP.
- Generate stakeholder testimonials.

Oncology Pathways Digital Clinical Placement (DCP) for Pre-Registration Nurses (all disciplines) and Allied Health Professionals mapping against the Aspirant Cancer Career and Education Developments Competencies (ACCeND 2024), The Nursing and Midwifery Council's Standards of Proficiency for Registered Nurses (NMC 2018) & Health Care Professionals Council Generic Standards of Proficiency (HCPC September 2023)



- ◆ An incredibly insightful and emotional journey.
- ◆ Emotionally, this journey has been intense at times, but it's also been hugely motivating.
- ◆ I genuinely feel transformed by this placement. I've gained invaluable knowledge, emotional insight, and a much deeper appreciation for the field of oncology. It's been emotional, yes—but in a profoundly meaningful and educational way.
- ◆ My final reflection and wow what a journey it's been, firstly I just want to thank the whole Christie team for taking time out of clinical practice to help us learn and to grow as nurses.
- ◆ I will miss the community of people that really made this placement positive and supportive.
- ◆ This placement has been one of the most eye-opening and meaningful experiences of my nursing journey so far.
- ◆ I found myself challenged emotionally, intellectually, and personally.
- ◆ I've had the privilege of listening to patients and professionals who have reminded me that at the heart of healthcare is humanity.
- ◆ This placement has made me more aware of myself, how I show up, how I listen, and how I want to continue learning. I've found confidence in speaking, reflecting, and being vulnerable.
- ◆ As I move forward, I'm carrying all of this with me, not just the facts, but the feelings. I can't wait to transfer what I've learned into practice, to meet patients not only with clinical knowledge but with empathy, honesty, and care. This placement has reminded me why I chose this profession, and it's helped shape the kind of nurse I hope to become, one who sees the whole person, not just the diagnosis.
- ◆ This is just the beginning, but I already feel changed. And for that, I'm truly grateful.



## ACCEND Innovation Funding Outputs

The investment has enabled the DCP Team at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester to:

- Capture 21 stakeholder insights, resulting in 17 videos currently being edited under key topics. These videos will be made accessible via the ACCEND NHS Futures website.
- Collect and evaluate 17 oncology specialist experiences of supporting pre-registration learners in oncology education, highlighting the personal and professional impact.
- Map the Oncology Pathways DCP to the ACCEND pre-registration workstream, including the collection of learner and stakeholder testimonials.
- Showcase learner celebration materials and identify key themes that learners believe will positively influence their current and future practice.

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