



Improving the Efficiency of Breast Multidisciplinary Team Meetings: A Toolkit for Breast Services

Section 3: How to use the Toolkit

Services should use the toolkit, including examples of successful changes made elsewhere, to review the specific needs and workings of their MDTM(s) aiming to improve efficiency.

Breast services will have different starting points in terms of the current efficiency of their MDTM processes. Breast services will also differ in their size and model of delivery. As a result, they will have variable requirements of the Toolkit. Some services may wish to use all sections of the Toolkit to complete a full review of their MDTM processes. Others may select only those sections appropriate to their requirements.

Where examples of change that have benefited MDTM efficiency are described there may be value in contacting those services for further details.

As a general principle, where MDTs implement significant changes to their MDTM processes (e.g. streamlining) it is essential that those changes are audited and monitored to ensure patient safety.

Future development of the Toolkit

The Toolkit was launched at the UK Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Symposium in Birmingham on 28th January 2020 and then published as a document on the Association of Breast Surgery website.

Links to the ABS website are also available on the Association of Breast Pathology, British Society of Breast Radiology and UK Breast Cancer Group websites.

It is presented here in a more user-friendly format, breaking the Toolkit down into topic sections. The aim going forward will be for the Toolkit to be a dynamic resource for breast MDTs that can be updated as new developments, guidance and examples of changes in practice arise.

The aim is for this to be an ongoing resource for use by Breast MDTs.

Individuals and Breast MDTs are encouraged to submit examples of changes relating to any area covered in this toolkit, which they have implemented and have led to increased efficiency of their MDT. Please submit these by email to: lucydavies@absghi.org.uk

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