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NHS Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad (NHS CVLP)

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims
Personalised cancer vaccines are a type of cancer treatment designed to target an individual's unique cancer cells. They are created by analysing a patient's tumour and identifying specific DNA changes that are unique to that cancer, then using that information to create a vaccine tailored to that patient. The intention is that the cancer vaccine will stimulate the immune system to specifically recognise and destroy the cancer cells. Immunotherapies are types of cancer treatment designed to help the body's immune system identify and attack cancer cells by focusing on specific features found on or within cancer cells that make them distinctly different from healthy cells.
The NHS Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad (CVLP) is looking to find people who may be able to take part in research trials for personalised vaccines or immunotherapies to treat cancer. By supporting these trials, the CVLP aims to speed up the development of personalised treatments for cancer patients.

Who can participate?
NHS cancer patients in England aged over 16 years with the capacity to consent.

What does the study involve?
Upon consent, the following will occur:
1. Small sections of the tumor will be cut from the diagnostic block by a histopathologist (a doctor who specializes in studying tissues). These sections will be sent to CVLP partners for nucleic acid extraction and sequencing. Nucleic acids are molecules like DNA and RNA that carry genetic information.
2. A blood sample, up to 30 milliliters, will be drawn and sent to CVLP partners. This sample may be tested for germline nucleic acid (genetic information you were born with) and tumor circulating free DNA (genetic material released by the tumor into the bloodstream).
3. Baseline demographic (like age and gender) and clinical data will be recorded by the clinical or research team and sent with the biological material in a pseudonymised form (using codes instead of names to protect your identity). This data will also be centrally held by Southampton Clinical Trials Unit (SCTU) to coordinate with cancer vaccine trial partners and sites. A clinical liaison team will oversee this process.
4. During Phase 1, sequencing data will be held by industry partners. If you are eligible for a cancer vaccine trial, the clinical liaison team will inform your clinical team and local trial sites. Pseudonymised codes will be used to identify patients when communicating with clinical teams

or linking patients with NHS cancer vaccine trial sites. Any other information shared outside the NHS CVLP framework will also be pseudonymised.
5. If you are eligible for a cancer vaccine trial, your home clinical or research team, or the team at the nearest cancer vaccine trial site, will approach you for further discussion and a separate consent.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?
By taking part in the CVLP, participants might be able to take part in a research trial and receive personalised cancer vaccine treatment before it is widely available. For participants who receive this personalised treatment, it may reduce the chance of their cancer growing or coming back. Not everyone will be suitable to take part in a research trial and the research trial may not benefit all participants directly. This is because we are still finding out how effective the treatment might be.
Participants can also benefit from the knowledge that they are helping medical research to improve cancer treatment. The tests and treatments being used were developed with the help of participants who took part in research years ago. The more participants that take part in research, the faster progress can be made as more human samples can be studied.
Where is the study run from?
The study is coordinated by the Southampton Clinical Trials Unit and is being run in NHS hospitals in England. The study is sponsored by NHS England.

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?
May 2023 to December 2030

Who is funding the study?
NHS England (UK)

Who is the main contact?
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Type(s)
Scientific

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Integrated Research Application System (IRAS)
325291

Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS)
57835

Study information

Scientific Title
Establishing a UK platform to collect tumour samples and perform DNA/RNA sequencing for the development of personalised cancer vaccines and immunotherapies

Acronym
CVLP

Study objectives
The objectives of the NHS Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad (CVLP) are to:
1. Identify cancer patients undergoing resection or biopsy of their tumours who could be eligible for personalised mRNA therapies such as cancer vaccines.
2. Create a pathway for collection and transfer of tumour samples, blood samples and pseudonymised clinical data during routine NHS care.
3. Send samples for DNA extraction, molecular analysis and sequencing initially in partnership with industry (Phase 1) and later to be performed by the NHS Genomic Medicine Service (Phase 2).
4. Use the results to accelerate access of eligible cancer patients to cancer vaccine trials.

The programme aims to profile up to 10,000 tumour samples in a phased approach over 7 years. To achieve this we will enrol patients diagnosed with different cancers and seek their consent for:
1. Collection of surplus tumour biopsies or surgical resection samples to be sent to genetic testing laboratories for DNA or RNA extraction and sequencing.
2. Collection of a blood sample to perform relevant tests for cancer vaccines, eg: circulating free tumour DNA or sequencing of healthy cells to compare to the tumour.
3. Collection of routine clinical data on demographics, staging, diagnostic tests, treatment and outcomes.
4. The linkage of this data in a database held by a central team to co-ordinate between clinical sites, industry partners and cancer vaccine trial sites.
5. Onwards referral of potentially eligible patients to CV trials or linked research studies provided relevant research ethics approval has been granted - for which separate consent will be sought.

No specific therapeutic intervention will be carried out under this protocol and any activities for the CVLP will happen in addition to routine genetic testing that is carried out as standard of care. If CV gain regulatory approval we hope the CVLP pathway will become part of routine care.

Ethics approval required
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Ethics approval(s)
Approved 20/08/2023, East of England – Essex Research Ethics Committee (2 Redman Place, Stratford, London, E20 1JQ, United Kingdom; +44 207 104 8177; essex.rec@hra.nhs.uk), ref: 23/EE/0178

Primary study design

Observational

Study design
Observational cohort study

Study type(s)
Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Immunotherapy and cancer vaccine studies in various cancer types

Interventions
Eligible patients with a number of different cancers will be approached around the time of diagnostic biopsy or surgical resection. This could be either during their initial diagnosis of cancer or at the time of recurrence. In all cases the patient will be aware that a diagnosis of cancer has already been made, or is a strong possibility. The patient will be approached by the clinical team managing their care to discuss the study and a standard patient information sheet will be provided.

Patients who agree to take part will have their informed consent confirmed and recorded by one of the clinical team or a research associate.

Following consent, the following will occur:
1. Cuttings of sections of tumour from the diagnostic block under the supervision of a histopathologist, for forwarding to CVLP partners (Phase 1) for extraction and sequencing of nucleic acid.
2. Drawing of a blood sample (up to 30mls) also for forwarding to CVLP partners. Potential tests performed on blood samples include germline extraction of nucleic acid for the comparison with the tumour sample or tumour circulating free tumour DNA.
3. Recording of baseline demographic and clinical data will be done by the clinical or research team. This will be sent along with biological material in a pseudonymised form. Data will be held centrally by the Southampton Clinical Trials Unit (SCTU).
4. During Phase 1 sequencing data will be held by industry partners. If a patient is deemed to be eligible for a cancer vaccine trial this will be fed back to the clinical liaison team who will inform the clinical teams and any local trial sites. The pseudonymised codes will only be used for re-identifying patients when communicating with the clinical team or to link patients with NHS cancer vaccine trial sites. Any other information shared outside the NHS CVLP framework will be pseudonymised.
5. If a patient is deemed eligible for a cancer vaccine trial they will be approached by either their home clinical or research team, or by the team at the nearest cancer vaccine trial site for further discussion and a separate consent.

Intervention Type
Other

Primary outcome(s)
1. Number of participants recruited to the CVLP by September 2024
2. Number of participants recruited to the CVLP measured every 12 months until study closure
3. Proportion of eligible patients approached that consent to participate in the CVLP measured every 12 months until study closure
4. Proportion of tumour samples available for analysis measured at 2 weeks post consent to a

cancer vaccine trial
5. Number of participants proceeding to participate in a cancer vaccine trial measured monthly until study closure

Key secondary outcome(s)
Number of sequencing outputs from NHS laboratories used for manufacturing of therapeutic personalised cancer vaccines measured every 12 months until study closure

Completion date
31/12/2030

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Be over the age of 16 years
2. Have a tumour which has been, or will be resected or biopsied
3. Have the capacity to consent to involvement in the CVLP
4. Have sufficient tumour available for genomic analyses

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Mixed

Lower age limit
16 Years

Upper age limit
110 Years

Sex
All

Total final enrolment
0

Key exclusion criteria
1. Under the age of 16 years
2. Incapable of giving informed consent

Date of first enrolment
31/08/2024

Date of final enrolment
31/03/2028

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre
Maidstone
Maidstone Hospital
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ME16 9QQ

Study participating centre
Tunbridge Wells Hospital
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Tonbridge Road
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Tunbridge Wells
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TN2 4QJ

Study participating centre
Southampton
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Tremona Road
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Lewisham High Street
London
England
SE13 6LH

Study participating centre

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Woolwich Stadium Road
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London
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SE18 4QH

Study participating centre
Royal Surrey County Hospital
Egerton Road
Guildford
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GU2 7XX

Study participating centre
Royal Sussex County Hospital
Eastern Road
Brighton
England
BN2 5BE

Study participating centre
Conquest Hospital
The Ridge
St. Leonards-on-sea
England
TN37 7RD

Study participating centre
Eastbourne District General Hospital
Kings Drive
Eastbourne
England
BN21 2UD

Study participating centre
Addenbrookes
Addenbrookes Hospital
Hills Road

Cambridge
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CB2 0QQ

Study participating centre
Queens Hospital
Rom Valley Way
Romford
England
RM7 0AG

Study participating centre
Colchester General Hospital
Colchester District General Hosp.
Charter Way
Turner Road
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CO4 5JL

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Ipswich Hospital
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IP4 5PD

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HP21 8AL

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HP11 2TT

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UB8 3NN

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OX3 7LE

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Derby Road
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NG7 2UH

Study participating centre
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NG5 1PB

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CV34 5BW

Study participating centre

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WV10 0QP

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WS2 9PS

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Newcastle Road
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ST4 6QG

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M6 8HD

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Rochdale Road
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OL1 2JH

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Fairfield General Hospital
Fairfield General Hospital
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Bury

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BL9 7TD

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Rochdale Infirmary
Whitehall Street
Rochdale
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OL12 0NB

Study participating centre
St. James's University Hospital
Beckett Street
Leeds
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LS9 7TF

Study participating centre
Leeds General Infirmary
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LS1 3EX

Study participating centre
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S10 2SJ

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PL6 8DH

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TA1 5DA

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BB2 3HH

Study participating centre

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CA2 7HY

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M23 9LT

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Sponsor information

Organisation
NHS England

Funder(s)

Funder type
Industry

Funder Name
NHS England as sponsor will be receiving funding from multiple industry companies

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Data sharing statement to be made available at a later date

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	version 8	22/03/2024	23/07/2024	No	Yes
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes