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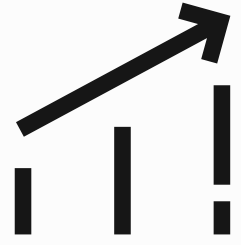
Delivering better Multiple Sclerosis (MS) care across the UK*



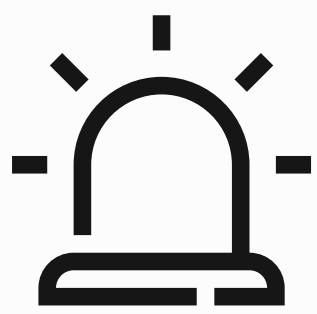
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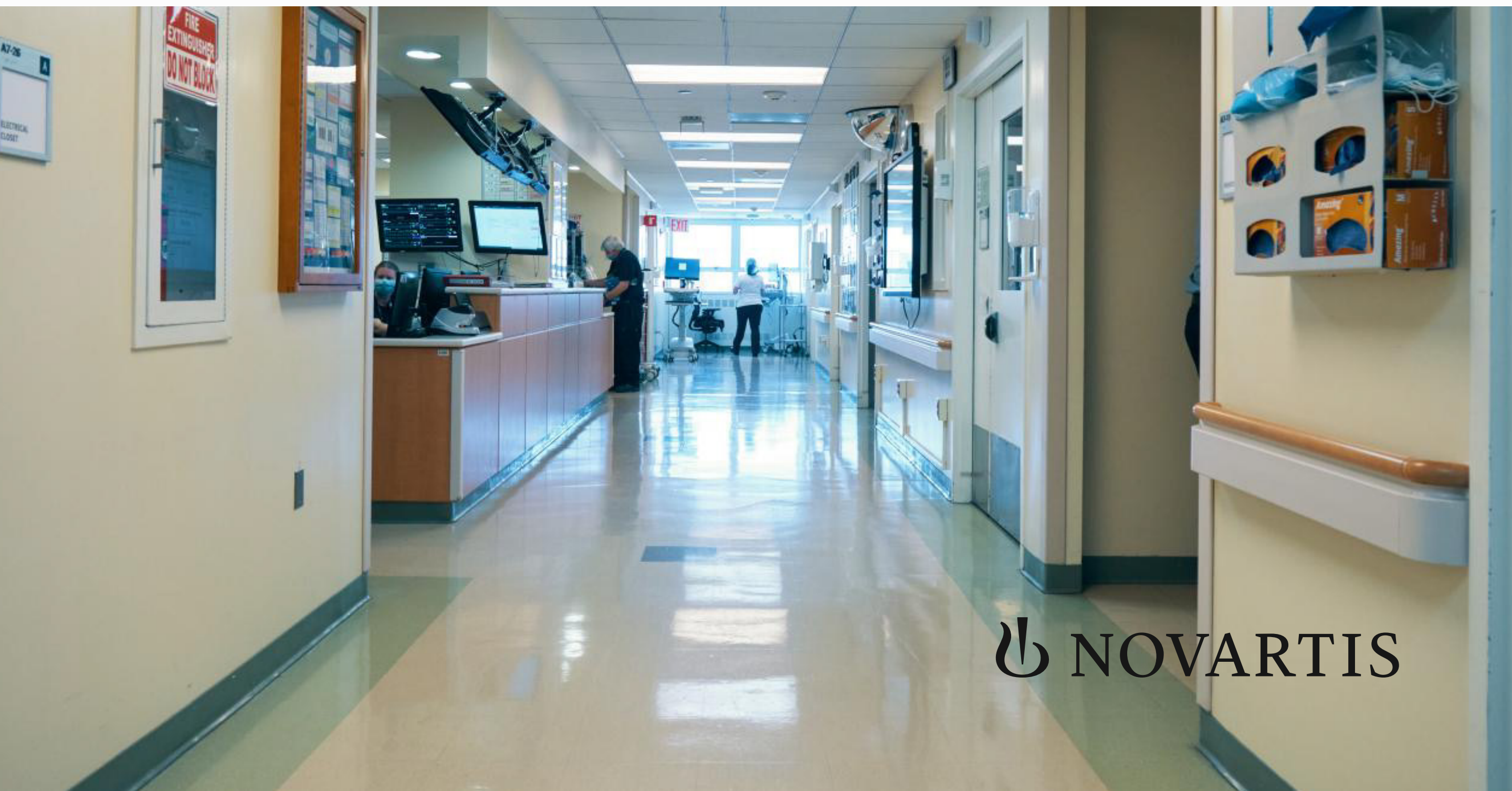
Since 2019, the number of people living with MS has **risen by ~13%** to 150,000.¹



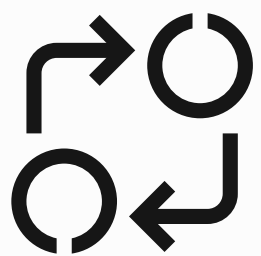
Rising prevalence is **increasing pressure on neurology services**, making early diagnosis and treatment critical.²

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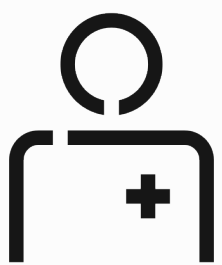
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Through a collaborative working project with Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust:*



The MS pathway was **redesigned to improve access** to timely review and treatment optimisation.

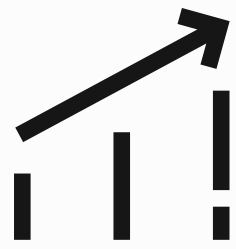


A Multiple Sclerosis Specialist Nurse role enabled **earlier support** for patients.

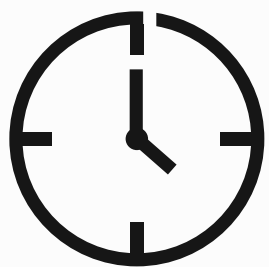


Improved progression from referral to treatment.

At 18 months:³



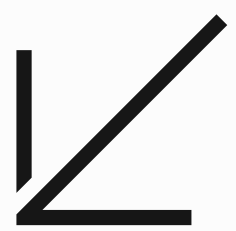
10% increase in clinical capacity.



50% reduction pre-screen and results check time.



Pathway efficiencies included a **61% reduction** in homecare referral time



45% reduction in average time to treatment initiation.

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Advancing prevention and productivity across multiple sclerosis care pathways