



2025 | NORTH THAMES GENOMICS SHOWCASE

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration**

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome**

- Anthony Sullivan, COO of the North Thames GLH

09:45 – 11:00 **The journey of a genetic sample: Request to result**

Follow the genomic testing pathway for prostate cancer patients all the way from early conversations with families to the support they receive along the way. You will also hear from the teams that make testing possible - understanding how lab techs, bioinformaticians and clinical scientists come together to deliver genomics in the NHS.

Session led by Liz Bancroft, NT GMS Chief Nurse and Dr Angela Brady, Consultant Clinical Geneticist

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/ tea break**

11:30 – 13:00 **What I want my healthcare team to know about genomics**

Join us for a roundtable discussion with patients, families and carers about how healthcare professionals can ensure that we are supporting them through the process of genomic testing.

Facilitator:

- Dr Fiona Calvert, Comms and Engagement Lead, NT GMS.

Panelists:

- Pooja Dasani, Genetic Counselling Lead and Principle Genetic Counsellor
- Amber Dobinson-Evans, Patient and Family Representative
- Harri Pessoa de Araujo, Patient and Family Representative
- Jason Dunlop, Patient and Family Representative

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Equity: Meeting real-world needs**

Hear from the North Thames Genomic Medicine Service Equity Lead about how we are centering equity in all that we do. The session will introduce you to the North Thames Genomic Medicine Service equity strategy as well as some of our team working to improve equity of access to genomic testing.



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Developing the NT GMS Equity Strategy

- Dr Shazia Mahamdallie, Equity Lead

Equity and community: local change makers East London Foundation Trust Mental Health Services

- Dr Nick Bass, Mental Health Lead

Equity and workforce: spotlighting Genomic Associates

- Arti Patel, Senior Genomic Associate

Equity and data: NTGMSA Equity of Access Dashboard

- Megan Luker, Data and Performance Analyst
- Balbir Lehto, Information Analyst

Equity and research: can the Generation Study do better?

- Dominic Studart, Regional Results Coordinator
- Yvonne Muwalo, Regional Results Coordinator

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee/ tea break

16:00 – 16:45

Highly specialised testing: Now and the future

This session will focus on how highly specialised laboratories in the North Thames region are improving patient lives.

An overview of NHS highly specialised amyloid and autoinflammatory services

- Dr Dorota Rowczenio, Head of the National Amyloidosis Centre
Molecular Genetic Service

Tailoring treatment response prediction in adult ALL through the development of minimal residual diagnostics

- Dr Bela Wrench, Clinical Lead of the National Adult ALL Minimal Residual Laboratory

Metagenomics for the diagnosis of infection

- Dr Julianne Brown, Principal Clinical Scientist at GOSH – Microbiology | Virology

16:45 – 17:00

Closing

Dr Angela George, North Thames Genomic Medicine Service Medical Director