

CAREPATH Consortium and General Assembly (GA) Meeting, 11-12 June 2025, Birmingham, UK



The final General Assembly (GA) meeting of the CAREPATH project took place on 12 June 2025 in Birmingham. All consortium partners were invited to attend, and the meeting provided an opportunity to present and review the progress, achievements, and remaining tasks in each work package. The meeting also addressed regulatory and ethical challenges encountered during implementation, especially concerning software as a medical device (SaMD). As a matter of fact, an in-depth discussion was held regarding the complexity of ethics approvals and regulatory inconsistencies across partner countries. The group agreed to collaborate on a commentary or letter to highlight these barriers, potentially targeting a journal such as Lancet Digital Health. Contributors will include advisors and clinical leaders across the consortium.

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Partners were reminded to submit final deliverables by 30 June 2025 and to provide designated points of contact for technical and financial reporting over the summer months. The final project review is confirmed for 25 September 2025, and at least one rehearsal session will be organised.

The meeting concluded with appreciation for the dedication shown by all partners throughout the CAREPATH project. Despite numerous challenges, the consortium delivered integrated technical and clinical solutions that were well received by end users. The team now turns to successful finalisation and review of all project outcomes.

CAREPATH WP6 Delphi Workshop, 11 June 2025, Birmingham, UK

A WP6 Delphi Workshop took place on the first day of the CAREPATH Final Meeting. The session was structured as a collaborative, workshop-style activity aimed at updating the clinical guidelines using newly identified evidence and feedback from the Technical Validation and Clinical Investigation phases. The focus was on finalising Deliverable D6.4, which forms the backbone of CAREPATH's clinical contribution.

The session was led by Tim Robbins (UHCW) with active participation from clinical partners across all pilot sites, including representatives from Germany, Spain, Romania, and the UK. External participants joined remotely to contribute to the review and update of the guidelines.

Workshop Activities

- Clinical teams were assigned guideline sections and supporting literature to review.
- Updates were made directly to the draft of Deliverable D6.4 using track changes, with each update referenced to specific sources.
- Clarifications were provided regarding the pragmatic approach adopted to focus on meaningful, evidence-based updates.
- Remote contributors were given specific assignments and a submission deadline for overnight integration.

Key Outcomes

- All major sections of the guideline were updated collaboratively.
- Contributions will be finalised and circulated to all partners for internal review by 24 June 2025.
- The guideline will also serve as the basis for a joint publication in the Geriatric Medicine section of Frontiers in Medicine.
- A follow-up task was identified to incorporate lessons from TVU and clinical investigations via a short feedback survey.

Ethics Board Discussion

The latter part of the day included an attempted session with Independent Ethics Board members. Due to coordination challenges and miscommunications around invitations, most advisors were unable to join the session in real-time. It was agreed that each piloting partner would collect input from their respective ethics advisor via written statements, and a shared consensus statement would be developed asynchronously for inclusion in Deliverable D9.3.

Conclusion

The WP6 Delphi Workshop successfully advanced the refinement of CAREPATH's clinical guidelines. Participants were thanked for their active engagement, and next steps were outlined to ensure timely delivery of the final document and associated outputs.