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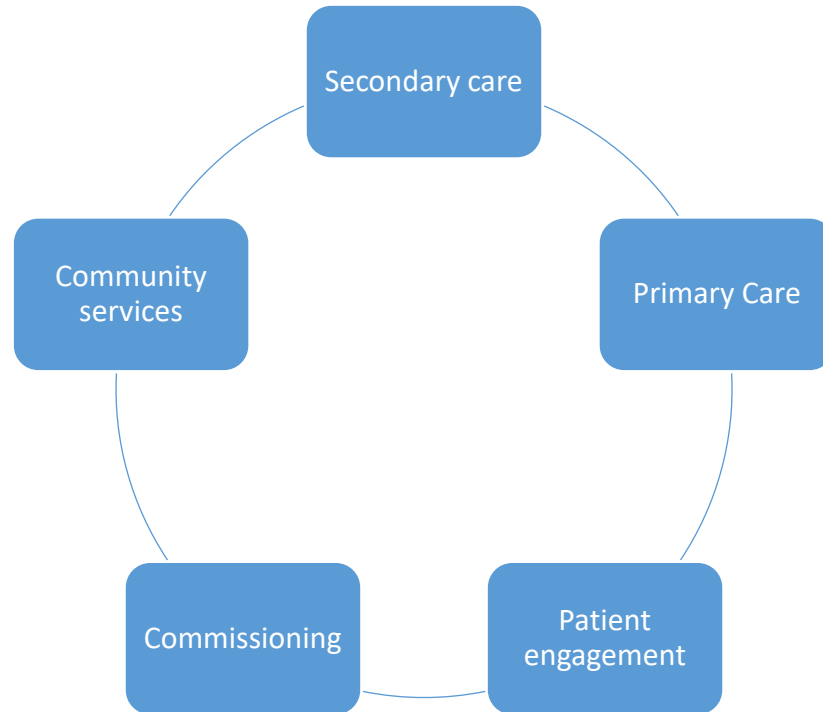
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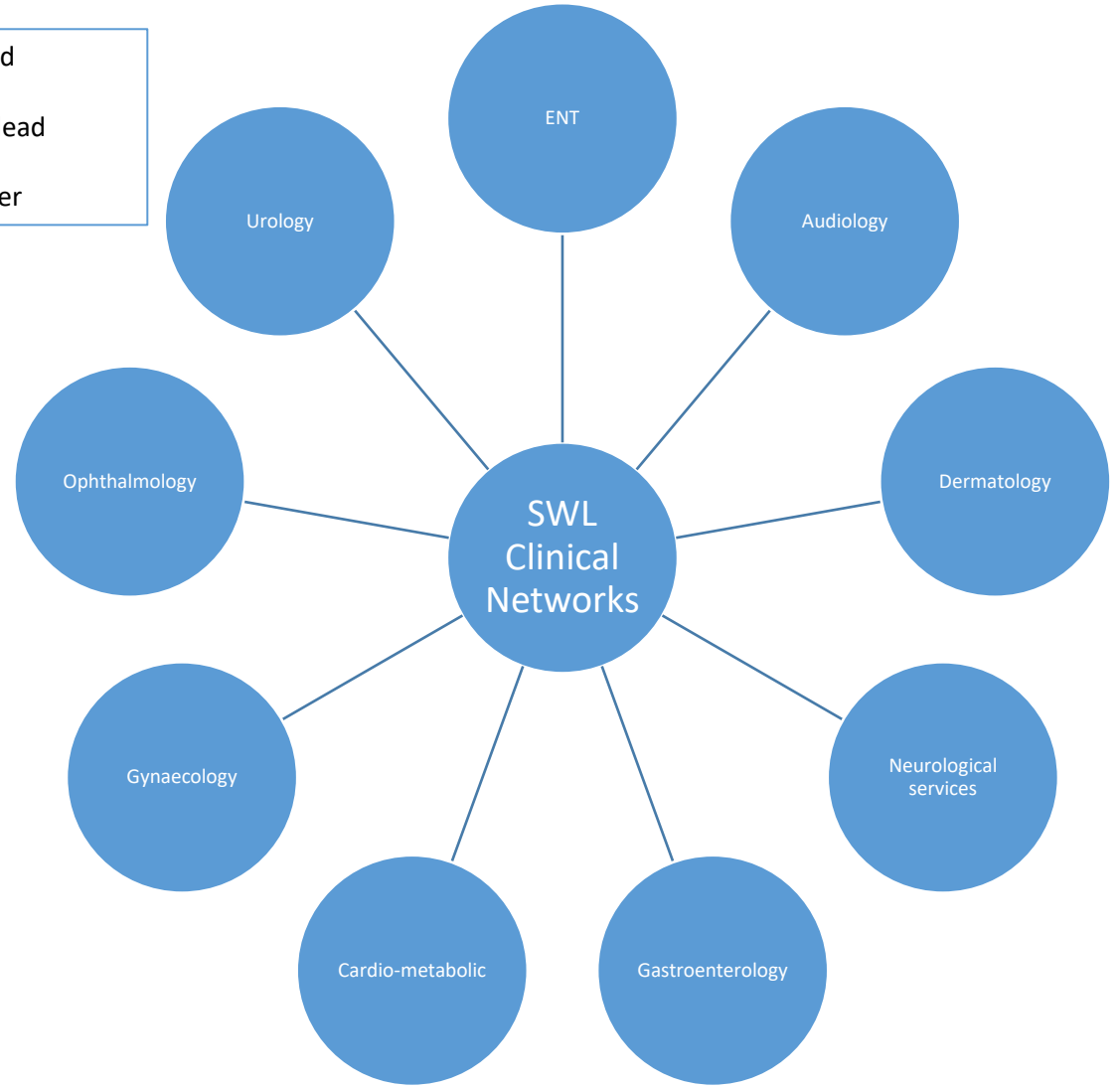- Clinically led and network derived change, improvement and transformation

- Collaboration across the health system

- Finding solutions to shared challenges that cannot be addressed by any one partner or provider alone, but that require a system response to deliver better care to SWL patients across the whole pathway.

Current networks

Primary care lead

Secondary care lead

Network manager

ENT

Audiology

Urology

Dermatology

Ophthalmology

SWL Clinical Networks

Gynaecology

Neurological services

Cardio-metabolic

Gastroenterology

Aims:

- Ensuring clinical best practice in service delivery

- Improving access

- Improving patient outcomes

- Supporting elective recovery

- Delivery against national targets such as GIRFT outpatient guidance

- Improving relationships and interfaces between primary and secondary care

- Delivery of local ambitions including system operational and financial plans, and Trust operational plans

- Reducing health inequalities

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Examples of projects

Audiology

Adult Audiology Pathways	To develop viable proposals for end-to-end hearing care pathways that ensure equity of access and maximise efficiency within existing resource constraints

Cardiometabolic

ECG service review	Review of pathways and services across SWL to identify unwarranted variation in historic Place approaches and develop a clinically appropriate, equitable and accessible service.
GetUBetter: Heart Health module	Health promotion app with content developed by clinical networks. This module will support patient self-management and expertise in chronic cardiometabolic conditions.

Dermatology

Aligned SWL Teledermatology model	**Delivery of one of the key recommendations from the Dermatology Service Review, an aligned teledermatology pathway for SWL to improve efficiency and cancer outcomes**
SWL Alopecia High-Cost Drug Pathway	To develop and implement a standardised HCD pathway to promote equity of access and reduce unwarranted variation and optimise costs.

ENT

Primary care Referral Guidelines	Standardised SWL pathways and referral guidelines to support primary and secondary care in referral optimisation
Straight to Test for Hearing Loss	**SWL Hearing Health Pilot in Community Pharmacy** Advanced triage and straight-to-test pathways for unilateral hearing loss and tinnitus

Gastroenterology

Pre-referral Guidance Standardisation	Standardised SWL-wide pre-referral guidelines, to optimise pre-referral diagnostics, enable one-stops, and better manage high referral volumes.
Urgent Benign Conditions referrals	To develop routes to urgent secondary care access for conditions such as newly-diagnosed IBD or coeliac through repurposed outpatient clinic capacity.

Gynaecology

Service review & Women's Health Hubs	**Recommendations to progress from whole-system review, including how non-admitted care is delivered through the formation of Women's Health Hubs.**
GetUBetter: Pelvic health and peri-natal	Health promotion app with content developed by clinical networks. This module will support patient self-management in urogynae and quickly identify women requiring specialist input.

Neurological Services

SWL Dizziness Pathway	Development of a SWL clinical pathway to support GPs to identify causes of dizziness and ensure patients are treated or referred appropriately. With ENT and Cardiometabolic CNs.
Community physiotherapy spasticity	Implementation of an innovative new physiotherapy-led community specialist spasticity service using new 'consultant physiotherapist' roles. Grant funded.

Ophthalmology

Community ophthalmology services	The network is reviewing Minor Eyecare Services (MECS) and Covid Urgent Eyecare Services (CUES) to develop a clinically appropriate, equitable and accessible future service.
Post-op cataract	Exploration of opportunities to transform post-op cataract services to reduce follow-up demand, release clinician time and release costs through automated review via AI.

Urology

Direct Access to CT KUB	NHSE London region released this pathway in 2024. The network will implement this pathway in primary care in SWL.
Community education	**Health promotion outreach in areas of deprivation, delivering health education within at-risk communi**ties.

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