

NEWS: Association of Breast Surgery Publishes the 'Pathfinder' National Blueprint

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We are delighted to share that **Project Pathfinder**, a flagship initiative of the **TACHRC Research Centre (CIC)** and **Dr. Tasmia Tahmid**, has been officially recognized and published by the **Association of Breast Surgery (ABS)**.

The published blueprint, titled *"The 'Pathfinder' Blueprint: A New Approach to Community-Led Breast Triage,"* outlines a revolutionary framework for addressing the persistent "Ethnicity Gap" in breast cancer diagnosis within the UK.

Bridging the Diagnostic Gap

Current data shows that women from minoritised ethnic backgrounds face a 21% disparity in early-stage diagnosis compared to their white counterparts. Project Pathfinder addresses this by acting as an **"Alternative Front Door"** to the NHS.

Using a proprietary, multilingual digital app designed by the TACHRC team, the program allows symptomatic women to bypass traditional linguistic and institutional barriers, fast-tracking "Red Flag" cases directly from community hubs (such as mosques and faith centers) into secondary care diagnostic units.

From Portsmouth to a National Standard

Originally developed and piloted at **Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust (PHU)**, the Pathfinder model has now been heralded as a national standard for health equity.

"This is a landmark moment for our team," says Dr. Tasmia Tahmid, Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon and Founder of TACHRC. *"By shifting the clinical entry point into the heart of the community, we are moving from a 'wait-and-see' medical model to a proactive, trust-based outreach system."*

What's Next for Pathfinder?

With the ABS publication now live, the program is entering an intensive phase of regional and national scaling:

- **April 2026:** Official community launch in Portsmouth.

- **Autumn 2026:** Multi-site validation trials in Manchester and Westminster.

The TACHRC Research Centre extends its gratitude to the **Wessex Cancer Alliance**, the **NIHR South Central RDN**, and the clinical leadership at **PHU** for their unwavering support in bringing this vision to life.

Read the full publication at the link

<https://associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk/news/2026/the-pathfinder-blueprint-a-new-approach-to-community-led-breast-triage>

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