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New milestone for pancreatic cancer trial

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A pancreatic cancer trial that aims to match patients with more targeted and effective treatments has recruited its 100th patient.

The scheme is run by Precision-Panc, a research programme and clinical trials project led by the University of Glasgow with funding from Cancer Research UK.

Under the project, each patient has a tumour biopsy, with the material then used for molecular profiling at the Glasgow Precision Oncology Laboratory (GPOL) at the university. The results can then be used to help match patients to the most suitable treatment or clinical trial for them.

The success of the project over the past year has led to it being rolled out to 16 sites around the UK, the university said.

Professor Andrew Biankin, director of the university's Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre, said: "This has shown our ability to really change the lives and survival rates of patients with pancreatic cancer."

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