

## **BRADFORD HEAD & NECK UPDATE**

Bradford Teaching Hospitals Trust confirmed their commitment to deliver an IOG compliant service for the west of the Network by March 2009. Monthly updates will be provided to the Board on progress.

## **NETWORK PATIENT PATHWAYS GOVERNANCE SIGN-OFF**

At the November 2008 Management Board a discussion took place regarding the process for approving the backlog of draft patient pathways developed through Network site-specific groups.

The Board agreed the process for pathway development and stakeholder involvement. Further work is required to define the escalation criteria for pathways where there is significant change requiring Board ratification. This will be completed by February 2009 and reported back to the Board in April. Details of the final approved process will be circulated widely once complete.

## **YCN LUNG CANCER GROUP PROJECT PROPOSAL**

At the December meeting the Board agreed to prioritise service improvement work to streamline a sustainable lung cancer pathway for across the Network that improves both patient outcomes and experience.

Agreement was reached in that the work will be undertaken in collaboration with the Lean Healthcare Academy who will be providing project management and facilitation support in partnership with the Network Service Improvement team.

The Board recognised that detailed work of this nature may expose significant service redesign issues. Locality Groups will be pivotal in ensuring these issues are addressed. A detailed project plan which will identify the time commitment required from individuals within localities will be developed and circulated to Board members before the February Board. A progress report will be provided at the June Board.

## **NATIONAL RADIOTHERAPY ADVISORY GROUP (NRAG) IMPLEMENTATION – PROCUREMENT AND PREFERRED OPTIONS**

Further clarification is required from SCG on the timescales and procurement process of additional radiotherapy facilities to meet the NRAG recommendations. Following clarification, the December Board paper outlining service delivery will be updated to include this information and circulated for locality groups to reconsider the options and their respective position.

## **NATIONAL CHEMOTHERAPY ADVISORY GROUP (NCAG) REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR YCN**

The Board were informed of the draft recommendations within the NCAG report and the workstreams to be undertaken by the Chemotherapy Group in preparation of the publication of the final NCAG report, expected to be published in April 2009. The Board supported this work.

## **PREVENTION AWARENESS, EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND INEQUALITIES**

The Board agreed to support the development of a network wide strategy in prevention, awareness, early diagnosis and reducing inequalities.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The YCN Annual Report for 07/08 has been published and available on the YCN website.