

TRANSFER OF UPPER GI & PANCREATIC WORK TO LEEDS

LTHT agreed to provide an action plan and revised timescale for the transfer of pancreatic cancer from West Yorkshire prior to the next Board.

FERTILITY SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Agreement has been reached on the process for considering the needs of cancer patients as part of the SCG Infertility Policy which is to be completed by April 2010. Commissioning discussions are taking place separately between the SCG Fertility Lead and LTHT about interim arrangements. The Network team will continue work to improve the referral pathway for appropriate patients.

SUPPORTIVE & PALLIATIVE CARE (S&P) IOG IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The action plan template indicating the levels of responsibilities for the implementation of the priorities in the S&P Guidance is being circulated to localities. June Toovey is available to support localities with the implementation on request. Localities are asked to confirm their S&P Lead to June Toovey by 20th March.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES IOG – FUNDING AGREEMENT PROCESS

NHS Leeds confirmed that their contracting team are taking the challenge process and agreeing the final funding level for the SMDT in 2009/10 forward as a matter of urgency.

AML17 TRIAL – EXCESS TREATMENT COSTS

The Board were informed of SCG approval for the AML17 trial, subject to ethics approval.

CO-PAYMENT - CONSULTATION AND INTERIM NETWORK APPROACH

The February Board paper outlining the proposed advice to organisations in considering patients wishing to purchase additional care has been amended and sent for legal opinion. As soon as this has been received the revised paper will be circulated to the Board and Margaret Edwards at the SHA.

PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE GROUP

Charlotte Rock, Chair of the YCN Palliative Group gave a presentation to the Board on the implementation of the End of Life Strategy and the SHA Healthy Ambitions End of Life Care workstream, along with the implications and challenges for the sub-regional End of Life Group and Locality Groups.

Charlotte Rock made recommendations on an approach to meet the 7-day week 9-5 specialist palliative care face to face assessment. Locality Groups were asked to review current service utilisation and take this into account in determining how best to implement the national policy. The Board supported Bradford and Airedale tPCT in leading a single approach for OOH and for ambulance services in relation to End of Life care. The Board agreed that Locality Groups would provide a formal report to the Board on their End of Life Care implementation strategy.

PEER REVIEW VALIDATION PROCESS PROPOSALS

The Board supported the proposal for a Network wide approach to internal validation based on a panel approach for MDTs and NSSGs being reviewed as part of the National Peer Review cycle. Recommendations were received to review the constitution of the panel. Any further concerns should be raised to the YCN by 18th March. The Board would receive the themes, risks and good practice identified during the process.

YCN COMMISSIONING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board agreed to the Terms of Reference for the newly constituted Commissioning Group subject to amendment regarding delegated authority to harmonise with the Western PCT Chief Executives Group.

BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

The following areas of concern were highlighted: levels of smoking cessation; uptake of breast and cervical screening and performance against the 62-day target, particularly lung and urology. The Network team is providing support in lung and urology. Discussions will take place with the PCT Screening Collaborative to address issues associated with screening programmes. Smoking cessation will form part of the "Prevention awareness, early diagnosis and inequalities" meeting taking place on 6th April.