
BRADFORD HEAD & NECK SERVICE UPDATE

The Board were informed that a formal meeting will take place with senior representatives from BTHFT and Bradford and Airedale tPCT. Outcomes from the meeting will be reported back to the Board.

TRANSFER OF PANCREATIC WORK TO LEEDS

The Board was informed that there will be an external review of pancreatic services at LTHT, initiated by the Specialist Commissioning Team, which will inform the revised action plan. The plan will be presented at the May Board.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES IOG – FUNDING AGREEMENT PROCESS

The Board were informed that a meeting was taking place between NHS Leeds and the SCG with LTHT service agreement team to carry forward the challenge process for SMDT funding to ensure IOG compliance by the end of April.

CO-PAYMENT UPDATE

Since previous discussions at the Board, the DH "Guidance on NHS patients who wish to pay for additional private care" has been published, which places the monitoring of co-payments within the remit of the SHA. The practical implications for clinicians were discussed. The Board asked that the following concerns be raised at the meeting with the SHA:

1. indemnity arrangements for clinicians
2. consistency of advice on cost and benefits of particular treatments
3. impact on patient pathways

NATIONAL RADIOTHERAPY ADVISORY GROUP (NRAG) IMPLEMENTATION

Kevin Smith reported on the discussions at the March SCG. The SCG require a business case prior to any tendering process. It was agreed that the clinical protocols would be tested locally using the national toolkit to identify capacity and demand requirements and this would be translated into a business case to SCG for the three Cancer Networks. This will be brought back to the Board in June.

YCN GATEWAY GROUP – PROPOSAL FOR HEALTH ECONOMIC INPUT

The Board were presented with a proposal which set out a process for Health Economic input into the newly formed YCN Gateway Group on a trial basis.

The Board supported the inclusion of Health Economic input and to fund this on a pilot basis for an initial 6 cancer drug reviews. YCN Gateway Group to confirm the criteria for evaluation of the pilot.

YCRN STRATEGY GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

The Board were presented with the YCRN progress report for 2008/09 and the work programme for 2009/10 which was fully supported.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Delivery of the PET CT contract was raised. It was agreed that PET CT contract and performance will be an agenda item at a future Board.
- Lymphoedema services specification and delivery was raised as a Network wide issue. The Board recognised that whilst this was not a cancer specific issue, the work which is currently being taken forward would be presented at a future Board meeting.
- In response to a call for expressions of interest from the National Cancer Action Team, two pilot proposals have been submitted: [1] translating pathways into contracts and [2] costing of the colorectal pathway.