

TRANSFER OF PANCREATIC WORK TO LEEDS

The Board were informed that a meeting has been scheduled to take place on 15th July between BTHFT and LTHT involving clinical and managerial leads and hosted by the Network, as agreed at the last meeting. Outcomes will be reported back at the August Board.

SPECIALIST MDT SUPPORT

The Board were informed of the progress made by SCG to agree phased implementation of financial support for SMDTs in line with the IOG for TYA, Sarcoma and Skin.

Further discussions are taking place to agree the proposals for Brain & CNS. The Board noted the progress made.

TOPOTECAN FOR THE 2ND LINE TREATMENT OF SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

The Board were presented with a recommendation from the YCN Gateway Group to routinely fund oral Topotecan for the 2nd line treatment of small cell lung cancer.

The Board supported the recommendation, subject to providing additional financial impact and risk information in the paper before submission to the SCG to help inform their decision making.

YCN LUNG CANCER GROUP – PROJECT OUTCOMES

The Board received an interim report on the Network-wide project to implement improved and sustainable lung cancer pathways. Key findings included:

- 1] A significant opportunity to reduce the number of steps in the pathway process
- 2] A number of easy wins which could kick start the action process in each locality
- 3] Some issues to be resolved at a Network level
- 4] A need to improve and standardise pathway management information

The Board commended the work to date and thanked individuals and organisations for their involvement so far. There was recognition that the action plans need to be implemented so as not to lose momentum and the enthusiasm of the clinical teams. The Board also recognised that lessons learnt could and should be applied to other cancer services.

The Board were united in ensuring the patients' viewpoint was central to any service redesign.

The Board supported the following recommendations to be taken forward:

1] Locality Groups were asked to feedback on a quarterly basis on their action plans, commencing September when they should feedback on their quick wins.

2] To support improved pathway management information, the YCN team should develop a minimum dataset that supports and informs the day to day pathway management for the clinical teams.

3] The YCN Thoracic Group should develop proposals for equitable access for emerging diagnostic procedures with support from the Commissioning Group.

4] Implementation of the planned work to redesign the LTHT Pathology service should be given the highest priority as a matter of urgency.

5] To contact Connecting for Health to accelerate support in addressing the inter-organisational transfer of PACS images.

6] A review event will take place on 8th October 2009 at which localities and teams will report progress and share good practice and agree those pathway elements which by necessity are common to all.

The Chair asked that those individuals representing their Chief Executive (CE) from their organisations update their CE about this priority work stream which will help demonstrate commitment to quality, innovation, productivity and prevention.