

TRANSFER OF PANCREATIC WORK AT LEEDS

The Board were informed that a meeting took place on the 15th July between Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and NSSG representation. Key issues to be resolved prior to the final transfer of patients for pancreatic cancer surgery were identified. Work is to be completed by the 23rd September 2009 when the group will reconvene to confirm appropriate arrangements for the transfer of the remaining patients for pancreatic cancer surgery.

LOCALITY GROUPS FEEDBACK MECHANISM TO THE BOARD

The Board were informed of the four areas the locality Chairs are to verbally feedback at the Board meeting taking place on 2nd September. These were lung pathways, maximum 2 week wait for all breast patients, achievement of the Supportive & Palliative Care Priorities, Peer Review (in particular configuration for community skin cancer services) and an update on their Trusts achievement on the previous Peer Review action plan.

PEER REVIEW

The Board discussed and agreed recommendation that the Network Board Chair sign-off against the self assessment and internal verification assessment documentation behalf of the YCN Management Board. This addresses governance and due process of Board responsibilities for these measures. The process for reporting back risks and concerns was discussed and agreed.

CANCER LANDSCAPE - INCIDENCE, MORTALITY AND SURVIVAL

The Board were presented with a range of information on cancer incidence, mortality and survival. The data included comparisons across England and European centres. The Board agreed this was valuable to inform joint strategic needs assessments and the NSSG Work Plan. The Board supported the following recommendations;

- That network partners should be ambitious and move the position of the YCN to having the best outcomes in England and some of the best outcomes in the world.
- To work in collaboration to understand the capacity requirements to meet the predicted cancer patient needs to ensure a high quality cancer service
- That each NSSG should use the available baseline data to prioritise work streams to improve quality outcomes for cancer patients (for example, awareness and earlier presentation, or end of life care)

It was recognised that this was one stream of information to support the overall Board strategy to deliver high quality patient focused services.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Network Team were asked to prioritise the Network Board Work Programme in light of the flu pandemic.