

TRANSFER OF PANCREATIC WORK TO LEEDS

LTHT confirmed that pancreatic surgery transferred from Bradford to LTHT with effect from 1st December 2009. Any further issues should be reported back by exception.

EXCESS TREATMENT COSTS – FEEDBACK FROM SCG

The process by which excess treatment costs associated with clinical trials are funded as part of the commissioning cycle will be clarified by the West Yorkshire Commissioning Forum (WYCOM).

PEER REVIEW

A table of all immediate risks and serious concerns raised through the internal validation process was circulated. All localities were asked to ensure appropriate action plans with director level leads and timescales are completed to enable locality groups to be able to fulfil their performance management responsibilities.

BRAIN & CNS IOG FUNDING UPDATE

The Brain & CNS IOG funding discussion highlighted the need for further clarity in relation to responsibility for decision-making between the Specialist Commissioning Group (SCG), WYCOM and the Network Board. Resolution of the funding required to make the service IOG compliant will be resolved in discussion between SCG Director, the YCN and NHS Leeds. Each PCT was asked to confirm their financial planning assumptions to the YCN.

BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Board received the latest Board Performance Report which incorporated information from the Cancer Reform Strategy 2nd Annual Report. Key issues highlighted included the variation in outcomes by PCT for one-year survival for the common cancers across the country. Local issues were cervical screening turnaround times for results within 2 weeks; breast symptoms showed improvements in case ascertainment since previous report however performance remains challenging, although localities reported confidence in achieving target by December 2009. Despite concerted effort there are still too many breaches within the 62-day target, particularly around inter-trust transfers. Subsequent treatment targets highlighted service pressures, such as skin, colorectal and gynaecology.

The Board were informed that 244 senior cancer clinicians have been trained in the national Advanced Communication Skills training, however the current waiting list of 249 (and increasing weekly) remains a challenge. An action plan to address this was requested for the next meeting.

LOCALITY GROUPS QUARTERLY FEEDBACK

Lung Pathways: Locality Groups reported progress on their action plans to date. Support from the Network was requested where reconfiguration of services had been identified.

Maximum 2ww for all breast patients by December 2009: The majority of provider organisations and PCTs anticipate achieving the target by the national deadline.

Supportive & Palliative Care Priorities to be achieved by December 2009: Risk areas reported were bereavement, rehabilitation and psychology services. Specialist Palliative Care (7-day 9-5 assessment) was previously agreed at Network level that this would not be compliant by the national deadline.

Peer Review: The Board were assured that Action Plans were performance managed through Locality Groups and remained high on their agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Board were informed of Barry Tinkler's recently diagnosed illness and expressed appreciation for his long standing contribution to the Network.