

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK Breast Cancer Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 16th March 2006, 10.30am
The Nidd Room, Pavilions of Harrogate

Present:	Dr M Crawford Mr A Nejim	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr C Bradley Ms J Dachtler Ms D Horsman Dr A-M Wason	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr J Adlard Dr B Dall Dr D Dodwell Mr K Horgan (Chair) Mr M Lansdown Dr S Kumar Mr M Lansdown Dr J Liston Dr T Perren Dr A Shaaban Dr E Thomas	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr D Ali Mr Z Kryjak	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Mrs J Archer Mr M Child Mr S Duffy Mrs H Ryan Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms M Allinson	Yorkshire Cancer Network User Partnership Group
	Ms F Murad	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Welcome and Apologies

Introductions were made by those present.

Mr Horgan welcomed Ms Jenny Dachtler, Specialist Registrar and Ms Marion Allinson, Service User representative to the YCN Breast Cancer Group.

Apologies were received from Ms V Allinson, Mr W Case, Dr J Dent, Mr I Hutchinson, Dr S Lane, Mr P Melling, Mr S Nicholson, Mr J Parmar, Dr M Sen, Mr N Sharma and Dr J Smales.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

- **Vice Chair Nominations**

On behalf of the YCN Breast Cancer Group Mr Horgan thanked Mr Case for his hard work and commitment as Chairman.

Mr Horgan informed the group that no nominations had been received for Vice Chair. A final request was made for a group member to volunteer for this role.

Action: Volunteer for Vice Chair to contact Mr Horgan.

- **Staffing Update**

Mr Horgan asked for a medical workforce update from each of the Units across the Network to identify difficulties in recruitment and gaps in the service. Document attached.

Action: Trust Breast MDT Leads to provide any amendments/ Updates to Mrs Ryan.

4. Peer Review – Remedial Action Plan

The second draft YCN Peer Review report was approved by the Zonal Reference Group on 27th January, the publication date is 7th April 2006. In the interim period the Network is required to produce a remedial action to address the concerns and further action suggested by the Peer Review visiting team and detailed in the report. The YCN Breast Cancer Group section of the remedial action plan was circulated with the agenda.

The group discussed the remedial action plan. It was agreed to amend action 9, regarding radiotherapy waiting times, to state that discussions with radiotherapy director have taken place. It is anticipated that Radiotherapy waiting times will be down to 8 weeks by the end of the year. If this is not achieved then the NSSG will review the impact waiting times has on clinician and patient choice.

Action: Network Lead Team to amend remedial action plan in light of discussion and return to Peer Review Zonal Team.

5. Formation of NSSG Working Group

Mr Horgan explained that a number of sub-groups would be established, to meet in between the main group meetings, to take the responsibility of agenda setting, core business and action. The main YCN Breast Cancer Group would ratify the decisions made by the executive groups and will continue to meet twice yearly and host educational events.

Following discussion the group agreed to establish a surgical, radiology and audit sub-groups initially.

Action: Mrs Ryan and Mr Horgan to arrange sub-group meetings.

6. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Tinkler summarised the latest cancer waiting times data which was circulated to the group with the agenda. A discussion followed.

7. Radiotherapy Delays

Refer to agenda item 4.

Dr Dodwell informed the group of the difficulty in provider-provider relationships and referrals of breast cancer patients to neighbouring Networks.

Action: Review radiotherapy waiting times at the next meeting.

8. Adjuvant Herceptin

The group congratulated Leeds on implementing an excellent HER2 testing service for Network breast cancer patients. On behalf of the YCN Commissioners, Mr Tinkler thanked and congratulated those involved in producing the YCN Herceptin Guidelines.

Ms Allinson asked if patients across the Network are given written Network information regarding the implications of taking Herceptin. Dr Dodwell confirmed that the Non- Surgical Oncology Group is currently working on a patient information leaflet.

It was noted that the NICE Herceptin Guidance is expected in September/ October 2006.

9. MARIBS trial results and MRI for high risk breast cancer screening

A paper regarding 'Screening with magnetic resonance imaging and mammography of a UK population at high familial risk of breast cancer: a prospective multicentre cohort study (MARIBS)' was circulated to the group with the agenda.

Dr Adlard explained that the trial results suggest that sensitivity of MRI is significantly better than mammography for women with a family history of breast cancer with a slight loss of specificity and the change is particularly marked for those patients who are known to have BRCA1 mutations.

The data has been submitted to NICE for an amendment to the family history guidance and it is likely that NICE will issue an adjudication in the next few months.

NICE may recommend that women who are gene carriers, who do not wish to consider preventative surgery, should have breast MRI incorporated or as the sole modality of screening for follow-up, this will impact on the breast MRI facilities across the Network.

It was confirmed that only Leeds, Bradford and York have the necessary facilities to do breast MRI on site at present.

Action: Radiology sub-group to take forward MRI discussions.

10. Any other business

- **Trials**

Mr Horgan referred to the DCIS trial and SLOANE project and encouraged members to submit their data.

Action: Dr Dodwell to contact Hugh Bishop for feedback on Network data

- **Data Collection**

Mr Horgan suggested collecting data for prophylactic mastectomies carried out across the Network on the basis of family history. Mr Lansdown confirmed that a Network register was set up in genetics five years ago by Dr Chu, the register is maintained by the regional genetics department. Mr Horgan highlighted that the Network Group should receive data feedback from the register.

Action: Mrs Ryan to contact Dr Chu.

- **Referral guidelines between Trust MDT's**

Mr Horgan suggested producing network-wide guidelines for the referral of a patient from one MDT to another, a Peer Review quality measure which was not met by the group.

Mr Tinkler explained that the Network Cancer Lead Managers and Service Improvement Team are currently working on the implementation of an inter hospitals alert process to expedite cancer referrals between organisations. The Network will keep the group informed on progress.

- **User Involvement**

Mr Martin Child, YCN User Involvement Facilitator thanked the group for being one of the early Network NSSG's to involve service users.

Mr Child referred to the YCN User Partnership Group and YCRN (Yorkshire Cancer Research Network) User Group and explained that there are a number of interested users who would be very valuable on the executive groups and early stages of research. Members were asked to contact Mr Child if they were interested in user input in the sub-groups or research projects (martin.child@leedsth.nhs.uk / 0113 3927557).

- **YCN Patient Information and Support Manager**

Mrs Jane Archer, YCN Patient Information and Support Manager introduced herself to the group and tabled a paper summarising her role.

11. Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 18th October 2006, 10.30am
at the Nidd Room, Pavilions of Harrogate**