

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK
Lead Clinicians Group**

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 27th April 2006, 10.00am
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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| Present: | Dr C Bradley | Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| | Mr B MacDonald | Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust |
| | Mr J Harrison | Harrogate and district NHS Trust |
| | Mr D Alexander | York Hospitals NHS Trust |
| | Miss L Carroll | Yorkshire Cancer Network |
| | Mr S Duffy (Chair) | |
| | Mr P Melling | |
| | Mr B Tinkler | |

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Prof M Baker, Mr P DaCosta and Prof M Seymour.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

A second Consultant Haematologist is to be appointed in Airedale not Bradford as stated in the minutes.

Other than this the minutes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

• **Network initiated programme**

Work on the planning and preparation of the Network initiated programme (Lead Clinician and NSSG Chair meetings) is ongoing. The finalised programme will be circulated to the group for information.

ACTION: Programme to be sent to Lead Clinicians for information

• **Urology Service Reconfiguration**

Mr Duffy gave feedback from the YCN Urology Pathway Development meeting that took place on Friday 24th March 2006. The date confirmed for the service configuration for York, Harrogate and Leeds is December 2007 – January 2008. It is anticipated the larger group will meet again in October/November 2006.

Mr Harrison highlighted the importance Leeds demonstrate commitment and improvement i.e. sufficient surgical capacity prior to the transfer of this service.

Mr Duffy clarified that the two additional urologist posts at Leeds will be focussed on cancer, not on relieving the existing workload as Professor Baker reported at the meeting. Mr Duffy will ensure there is representation from Harrogate on the interview panel for these posts.

An in-depth group discussion took place on urology service configuration. It is felt there needs to be clarification on the service configuration in the local health communities and how this can be progressed taking into consideration the future urology service reconfiguration plans. Mr Duffy agreed to host a meeting with key urology colleagues to discuss this further.

ACTION: Network to host a meeting with key colleagues

- **PET update**

Mr Tinkler reported there has been an agreement to identify which patient groups will be appropriate for PET scanning. Discussions on the provision and how this will be funded are ongoing. A profile of anticipated PET scans for 2007-8 (based on a mobile PET scanner at LTHT) has been submitted.

Prof Baker has arranged a £250,000 slippage of the SRS agreed funds to accommodate the in year costs of PET scanning. This proposal will be submitted to the PCTs for approval by 17th May 2006.

- **Spinal Cord Compression paper**

This will be tabled at the next meeting.

4. Peer Review – report and feedback

At the YCN Management Board meeting that took place on Monday 24th April, Martyn Pritchard congratulated and thanked everyone involved in the recent Peer Review process and agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Trusts and localities involved.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that the locality groups are responsible for the performance management of their Action Plan and will be asked to provide a six monthly progress report to the Board. Mr Tinkler and Mr Duffy will be arranging meetings with the Chair of the locality group, executive director with responsibility for cancer and the local cancer team over the next few months to discuss this process.

ACTION: Network to arrange meetings

5. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling presented the latest CWT data for the 14 day, 31 day and 62 day targets for all tumour sites across the YCN. For comparison and to prompt further discussion data from Q4 2004/05; Q1 2005/2006; Q2 2005/06; Q3 2005-2006 and national performance was presented.

An in-depth discussion followed on breach reasons and the appropriateness of referrals.

Leeds has agreed that patients referred for radiotherapy within 31 days will be treated with 62 days.

To initiate discussion on future NSSG audit work Mr Melling presented the findings from an audit undertaken on MDT discussion (before or after treatment) for different tumour sites across the Network. An in depth group discussion followed. It was noted that in the majority of cases MDTs should take place prior to treatment but was acknowledged there may be cases where the MDT could take place post treatment. Mr Duffy agreed to raise this at the planning and priorities/NSSG meetings.

ACTION: Mr Duffy to discuss at planning & priorities/NSSG meetings

6. YCN Event Server

Mr Melling gave a demonstration of the YCN Event Server. A group discussion followed. It is anticipated this will be launched within the next two weeks. Mr Melling is willing to attend any Trust to publicise/demonstrate this server.

7. Improving Outcomes Guidance Implementation update

Mr Tinkler tabled and summarised the Improving Outcome Guidance update paper.

Mr Tinkler gave an update on the Bowel Screening Cancer Screening Programme. A project board group will be established to discuss the roll out of this programme over the next three years.

8. Leeds Cancer Centre update

A group discussion took place regarding the work that is being undertaken in preparation for the opening of the NOW.

9. Feedback on local issues

Harrogate has recruited a third Consultant Oncologist.

10. Any other business

- Mr Tinkler reported that the Network Team has produced a draft Network priority paper for 2006/07. Meetings will be arranged with the lead teams at each trust to discuss this further.
- Mr Harrison highlighted that although the gynaecology out reach model works well at Harrogate, when Jon Buxton is absent for a long period of time the service is under increased pressure due to the absence of support. A discussion followed. Mr Duffy explained that this issue will be addressed when sixth gynaecology oncologist appointment is in post.

11. Date of next meeting

**Friday 14th July 2006, 10.00am, YCRN Conference Suite,
Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital.**

| Action Points raised at the meeting on Thursday 27th April 2006 | | | |
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| Agenda Item: | Action | By whom: | Completion date: |
| 3 | Programme to be sent to Lead Clinicians for information | Mr Duffy | ASAP |
| 3 | Network to host meeting with key colleagues | Mr Duffy | |
| 4 | Meetings with the Chair of the locality group, executive director with responsibility for cancer and the local cancer team to take place | Network | |
| 5 | Mr Duffy to discuss audit at NSSG meetings/planning and priorities meeting | Mr Duffy | |