

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 20 September 2006, 09:00**

**Yorkshire Cancer Network**

**Pavillions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate**

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**Present:**

Mr C Kapadia	Airedale NHS Trust
Ms L Shaw	
Mr J Ausobsky	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Dr C Kay	
Ms D Kellet	
Mr P Holdsworth	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
Dr A Gledhill	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
Mr J Harrison	
Ms M Jennings	
Mr D Leinhardt	
Mr S Ambrose	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr A Guthrie (Chair)	
Dr D Sebag-Montefiore	
Mr C Macklin	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms C Holman	User Partnership Group
Miss L Carroll	Yorkshire Cancer Network
Mr P Melling	
Mr B Tinkler	

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## 1. Apologies

Mr J Griffith, Mr D Howe, Mr P Lyndon, Ms F Stephenson

## 2. Minutes

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

## 3. Matters arising

At the meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2006 Mr Leinhardt highlighted that the draft "Commissioning, effective, efficient and necessary care pathways" document states that unless with prior agreement, PCTs will not pay for nurse-led follow up clinics. Following this meeting Mr Tinkler has contacted the CHARD PCT Commissioning Lead who informed him this document was a draft discussion document only and will not be actioned.

Dr Guthrie received a letter from Dr Haslam on 4th August 2006 regarding Primary Care representation on the group. Although there is insufficient representation on the Primary Care group to attend all the colorectal meetings, they would welcome a colorectal cancer representative at their meetings. They are also happy to be involved in any care pathway work. Mr Ausobsky reported that Dr Haslam is a member of the Colorectal Service Improvement Group.

## 4. Bowel screening update

Mr Tinkler reported that Gateshead has been identified as the Northern Zone Hub that will carry out Faecal Occult Blood (FOB) testing. It is anticipated they will start with the first wave screening units from January 2007.

A meeting took place on 12th July 2006 to discuss how to take bowel screening forward within West & North Yorkshire SHA. The recommendations agreed from this workshop included;

The boundaries of the screening centre should be the same as the Cancer Networks.

The screening centres should be locally accessible (within the quality criteria set).

Patients with a cancer diagnosis will be immediately referred to the local MDTs for treatment.

The local screening centre (with the Hub) should form a local group to discuss any local care pathway issues.

There should be a Yorkshire and Humber SHA project group established to discuss roll out etc. (This meeting is

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scheduled to take place on 4th October 2006).

Although the YCN (Mid Yorkshire and Airedale & Bradford) proposals to be the first wave screening centres were declined, Airedale & Bradford have been asked to work towards being a first reserve. Harrogate expressed an interest in being put forward for the second wave.

## 5. Peer Review Action Plan

Mr Melling agreed to provide waiting times for colonoscopies at the next meeting.

Dr Guthrie emphasised the importance representatives report any local issues at the Network meetings.

Dr Sebag-Montefiore reported that the Leeds 31 day radiotherapy waiting times have improved. He noted issues were now around having operating time within the timescale following short course radiotherapy. This will be discussed further with the CR07 team.

Diagnostic treatment centre

Dr Kay informed members from 1st July 2007 radiology in treatment centres will be provided by Bradford radiologists only.

**Action: Mr Melling to provide waiting times for colonoscopies at the next meeting.**

## 6. Revised Measures

The revised colorectal Quality Measures for Peer Review are available on the CQUINS website. It is anticipated the assessment against these measures will take place in 2007 (pre-visit in June 2007 and visit in September 2007). The members present felt it is not necessary to repeat the whole review process and that a review of the liver service could just take place. Mr Tinkler agreed to raise the groups concerns with the Zonal Team.

Dr Guthrie welcome further nominations to join a sub group to discuss taking forward the implementation of the revised measures. Miss Carroll will arrange this meeting.

**Action: Miss Carroll to arrange sub Group meeting**

**Mr Tinkler to speak to Zonal Team**

## 7. User Involvement

No discussion took place.

## 8. Service Improvement

Mr Ausobsky has been in discussions with commissioners regarding the funding of "Straight to Test" . Dr Guthrie wrote a letter to the Chief Executives to ask for their support in advancing the "Straight to Test" initiative within their Trust. He has also approached Mr Duffy, Medical Director, YCN for the support of the YCN Management Board to facilitate the process through its negotiations with commissioners. Dr Guthrie and Mr Ausobsky have been invited to attend the YCN Management Board on 30th October 2006.

Mr Tinkler has discussed "Straight to Test" with the YCN Commissioners on 18th September 2006. They are very supportive and would like to take this forward by each locality.

The next Colorectal Service Improvement meeting is taking place on Friday 24th November 2006.

The audit on AP resection rates is to be presented at the YCN Colorectal Event following this meeting.

The Quality Measures request local recurrence rates and 30 day peri-operative death rates for patients treated with curative Intent. It was noted this is part of the NBOCAP audit and will be covered further at the educational event. Members felt there should be a Network consensus on the definitions on what should be recorded for outcome data. Mr Melling and Mr Leinhardt agreed to produce a draft paper for discussion at the next meeting.

A discussion regarding the mechanism for the dissemination of the AP resection rate data took place. Dr Guthrie agreed to ask Dr Morris to produce a paper that can be circulated.

A discussion regarding the membership of the group followed. Dr Guthrie agreed to continue to review the membership.

**Action:**        **Dr Guthrie to ask Dr Morris to produce a paper**  
                      **Mr Melling and Mr Leinhardt to produce a discussion paper**  
                      **Dr Guthrie to continue the review of membership**

### **8.1. Straight to test**

No discussion took place.

## **9. Annual Report 2005-06/Work Programme 2006-07**

Members present agreed the annual report 2005-06 and work programme 2006-07.

### **9.1. Audit**

No discussion took place.

## **10. Patients Discussed at MDT**

Dr Guthrie informed members of the new Quality Measures to have a standard for % of patients with colorectal cancer discussed at MDTs (95%). Although there is a gap in data being uploaded on patients discussed it was acknowledged this may be because this data is not mandatory to collect.

Dr Sebag-Montefiore reported that an audit had taken place at the LGI and suggested this data and process compared against the Network pilot.

## **11. PET**

Dr Guthrie informed members that the Clinical Guidelines for the YCN PET/CT Scans are now published and available on the YCN website. Due to capacity lung cancer will only be funded in the first instance followed by Lymphoma at the mobile unit to be provided at a LTHT site. Clinically appropriate PET/CT scans for other cancer sites to be requested by the current Trust/PET process.

## **12. YCRN Update**

Dr Guthrie has established a small group to take forward the findings of the CR07 study and will report back at the next meeting. It was noted that a decision must be made as to whether there should be a Network wide policy or unit based policy in relation to the implementation of the data. A discussion on who may be chosen not to be given short course radiotherapy and scheduling operating time for patients and an audit on change made must also take place. He suggested a proforma for MRI could also be produced.

### **12.1. CR07**

No discussion took place.

## **13. Dates for 2007 meetings**

No discussion took place.

### **Date of Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 20th September 2006 10:30 am  
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Wednesday 6th December 2006 10:00 am  
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Tuesday 27th March 2007 10:00 am  
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Thursday 21st June 2007 10:00 am  
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Wednesday 5th September 2007 10:00 am  
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Tuesday 18th December 2007 10:00 am  
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital