

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK
Colorectal Group Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 14th June 2006 10.00am
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Ms L Shaw	Airedale NHS Trust
	Mr J Ausobsky Dr C Kay Ms D Kellett Dr A Manning	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Mr P Holdsworth Mr A Subramanian	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Ms M Jennings Mr D Leinhardt	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Guthrie (Chair) Dr C Verbeke	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms J Crossley Ms S Yunis	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr J Turvill	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Miss L Carroll Mr M Child Mr P Melling Ms F Stephenson Mr D Thomson	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Holman Mr D Howe	Yorkshire Cancer Network User partnership Group
	Mr J Goulding	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr S Ambrose, Mr I Bradford, Mr R Kapadia, Dr M Crawford, Mr J Harrison, Mr P Lyndon, Dr D Sebag-Montefiore and Mr B Tinkler.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

- **Service user representative**

Ms Holman and Mr Howe representatives from the YCN User Partnership Group were introduced and welcomed as new members of the group.

4. Bowel Screening Update

Dr Manning confirmed that the NEYNL SHA proposal, based on the Hull training school, has been successful subject to meeting specific conditions.

Although the WYSHA proposals for first wave screening centres have not been successful there may be an opportunity for the Airedale/Bradford proposal to be implemented.

5. Peer Review Action Plan

Colorectal Leads/representatives from the Trusts within the YCN gave an overview of their Peer Review report highlighting good practice and areas of concern.

The key themes highlighted included lack of psychology support; insufficient CNS support, radiotherapy waiting times. Ms Stephenson said these issues will be incorporated in the YCN Colorectal Group Work Programme for 2006-2007.

Mr Leinhardt informed members that the four North Yorkshire PCTs have undertaken work to review their commissioning plans for 2006/07 for hospital services which is set out in the draft 'commissioning, effective, efficient and necessary care pathways' document. This document states "Unless with prior agreement, PCTs will not pay for nurse-led follow up (on the assumption that this could be performed in Primary Care/community). Exceptions to this must be agreed in advance with the PCT". Dr Guthrie asked Mr Leinhardt to forward this document to him summarising the specific areas that will impact on the service. Ms Stephenson said she will discuss this further with Mr Duffy.

ACTION: Mr Leinhardt to forward details to Dr Guthrie (actioned 16.06.06)

Ms Stephenson to discuss this further with Mr Duffy and Mr Tinkler

Issues identified to be incorporated into the work programme for 2006-2007

6. National Bowel Cancer Audit Project

The group is awaiting the release of the final dataset

Mr Melling confirmed members had received the NBOCAP data user certificate/application circulated with the agenda. Mr Melling is happy to attend any Trust to prepare for implementation.

7. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest CWT data circulated with the agenda. The group discussed this data, reasons for breaches and the appropriateness of referrals in detail. It was acknowledged further work to improve the CWT for patients transferred from one Trust to another must take place.

Members highlighted they would welcome PCT representation on the NSSG. Ms Stephenson explained that there are two PCT groups, one with PCT Clinical Cancer Leads and one with Commissioning Leads. PCTs are undergoing reorganisation and therefore roles will change. Ms Stephenson agreed to discuss this with Dr Haslam to get an update. The group will continue to involve primary care and commissioners in work streams, project groups as and when appropriate.

ACTION: Ms Stephenson to speak to Dr Haslam regarding PCT representation.

8. User Involvement and Patient Information Lead

No further discussion took place.

9. Service Improvement

A Colorectal Service Improvement Lead workshop to take forward the development of a Network-wide 'straight to test' policy and consider the potential of a symptom based scoring system for referrals is taking place on Friday 23rd June 2006.

10. YCN Educational Event – Wednesday 20th September

Dr Guthrie gave an update on the preparations for the YCN Colorectal Educational Event taking place on Wednesday 20th September 2006. He welcomed suggestions for additional presentations.

ACTION: Dr Guthrie to finalise programme and send to Miss Carroll for circulation

11. Work Programme 2006/07

Dr Guthrie met with Mr Duffy on Thursday 18th May 2006 to discuss the future plans and priorities for the YCN Colorectal Group in 2006-2007. It is anticipated the Work Programme for 2006/07 will be circulated by end July 2006. This will include straight to test and work must also be undertaken to critically analyse the CR07 study data in comparison to other data produced on radiotherapy. The results will then be incorporated into the guidelines. Dr Guthrie has formed a group to take this project forward. Members include Dr Sebag-Montefiore, Dr Crellin, Dr Guthrie, Mr Fox, Ms Kellet, Mr Alexander and Mr Holdsworth.

12. Any other business

- At the YCN Management Board meeting that took place on Monday 24th April 2006 a discussion on clinical information and its use by the Network took place. It was agreed they should be proactive in seeking out variations in practice and suggested this process be piloted on 'AP resection rate in rectal cancer'. Dr Guthrie discussed how they could take this piece of work forward. Mr Melling said he will discuss this further with NYCRIS.

ACTION: Mr Melling to discuss audit project with NYCRIS

- Dr Guthrie reported that the YCN Management of Colorectal guidelines will have to be reviewed and updated to reflect the PET local service, laproscopic changes in procedures and change in the NICE guidelines on adjuvant chemotherapy.
- To assist primary care with individual cases where Trusts do not approve the use of a drug i.e. cetuximab for clinical reasons primary care would like the groups view to help them with this decision making process.

YCRN

Mr Goulding tabled and summarised details of the ongoing YCRN trials taking place across the YCN.

13. Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 20th September 2006, 9.00-10.15am, Pavilions of Harrogate,
Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate (prior to the educational event)**