

Actions of the meeting held on
Wednesday 10 November 2010, 14:00

Yorkshire Cancer Network

St Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6QD

Present:

Ms K Pogson	NHS Bradford & Airedale
Mrs J Cawtheray (Chair)	NHS Calderdale
Ms C Foster	NHS Leeds
Mr J Hancock	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Mrs E Vickerstaff	
Mrs J Thorpe	NHS Wakefield District
Mrs C Ferguson	Yorkshire Cancer Network

Apologies

Ms M Allinson, H Butcher

1. Welcome and Apologies			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
138	J Cawtheray welcomed the group and apologies were noted.	N/A	N/A
2. Action Log from the last meeting			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
139	The action log from the last meeting was agreed as an accurate record.	N/A	N/A
3. Matters arising			
3.1 EBUS - Update			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
140	<p>J Thorpe informed the group that no further progress had been made since discussions on 15th September, however positive views had been received from the Lung NSSG. P Melling informed the group that the business case developed by Parry Blaxill, Consultant Respiratory Physician and MDT Lead from Midyorks has been agreed.</p> <p>The group agreed the next step would be to produce a service specification and explore if localities have provisional service specifications in place already while ensuring a consistent approach within contracting teams across the Network.</p> <p>All Commissioners to feedback at the joint Commissioning/Lead Managers Group on 8th December 2010.</p>	All Commissioners	08/12/2010
141	J Thorpe to be invited to the Lung Executive Team Meeting on Monday 29th November 2010 from 14:00 until 16:00 in the First Floor Seminar Room, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH.	C Irving	12/11/2010

3. Matters arising			
3.2 Implications of EGFR testing - Update			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
142	<p>J Cawtheray informed the group that SCG understand that the cost of the test previously funded by Astra Zeneca up until 31st October 2010 would be included in the overall cost of administering Gefitinib.</p> <p>The group agreed to investigate if their PCT contracting teams have been invoiced for the cost from 31st October 2010.</p>	All Commissioners	08/12/2010
143	<p>C Foster to contact P Clinton-Tarestad, Assistant Director of Commissioning to clarify the funding arrangements with EGFR testing.</p> <p>C Foster to also query with P Clinton-Tarestad formalising the agreement that where the test is sent is a decision between Provider to Provider. C Foster to circulate correspondence to the group.</p>	C Foster	08/12/2010
3.3 Radiotherapy Waiting Times			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
144	Under CWT.	N/A	N/A
3.4 Excess Treatment Costs			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
145	<p>J Hancock informed the group that there had been no further discussions around excess treatment costs at SCG level.</p> <p>J Hancock asked group members to investigate who within their organisations is acting as a link between the PCTs and the local research units.</p> <p>J Cawtheray highlighted that she will be attending the next YCRN Strategy Group Meeting for C&H this week and J Thorpe raised that she is scheduled to attend the meeting for Midyorks shortly.</p> <p>J Thorpe and J Cawtheray to circulate any relevant meeting correspondence to the group for information.</p>	J Cawtheray & J Thorpe	08/12/2010
3.5 Yorkshire & the Humber PET CT Advisory Group - Feedback			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
146	<p>J Cawtheray informed the group that the next PET CT Advisory Group is scheduled for 17th November 2010.</p> <p>J Cawtheray was pleased to inform the group that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is due to commission under the national contract and it is anticipated that 40-44 scans will be undertaken per month on site.</p> <p>J Cawtheray agreed to circulate the notes and quality data from the next meeting once published to the group for information.</p>	J Cawtheray	Once Received

4. Acute Oncology Measures			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
147	<p>J Hancock updated the group following the Peer Review Draft Acute Oncology Measures Consultation Event held on Monday 8th November 2010.</p> <p>J Hancock highlighted that there are future opportunities to discuss any commissioning issues with the acute oncology measures. It was agreed a re-occurring agenda item needs to be on the YCN Commissioning and YCN Chemotherapy Group's agenda's.</p> <p>J Hancock raised that the YCN Acute Oncology Event scheduled for 10th December might benefit from a commissioning perspective on the programme.</p> <p>C Ferguson agreed to discuss with J Toovey and D Thomson.</p>	C Ferguson	08/12/2010
6. Cancer Drugs Fund - PCT baselines to inform prioritisation			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
149	<p>J Cawtheray asked the group if they were aware of the following email which had been sent to PCTs from P Clinton-Tarestad, Assistant Director of Commissioning at the SCG:</p> <p>'Dear Colleagues,</p> <p>As you will be aware the SCG is administering the Interim Cancer Drugs Fund on behalf of the SHA. Through the Cancer Networks and clinicians, we are urgently undertaking a piece of work to prioritise which drugs should be funded through the fund.</p> <p>One of the major anxieties of the clinicians and networks is that we are not all starting from a common baseline of what is currently funded and we need to understand what the commissioning differences are to inform the prioritisation process and be clear of its impact. To that end, I would be most grateful if you could review the attached list of drugs and confirm, for each, whether for your PCT the drug is:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Never funded apart from true exceptions - Routinely funded - Generally funded if individual funding requests are received <p>In order to support the prioritisation process, we need to have an understanding of the current position by close of play on Tuesday, 2nd November and I'd therefore be grateful of your responses by then. Apologies, I realise it is half term and it may difficult to respond within the timescale, but would be most grateful if every effort could be made to do so. If you are not the correct person to respond to this request, I'd be most grateful if you could forward it on to the appropriate individual.'</p> <p>Not many Commissioners were aware of this request but had assumed other colleagues from either contracting and/or medicines management would have received and actioned the request.</p> <p>P Melling highlighted that the meeting to agree the approved drugs list is being held on 11th November 2010.</p> <p>All Commissioners agreed to check if the request from SCG had been actioned with their PCTs.</p>	All Commissioners	08/12/2010

7. Secondary Breast Cancer pathway			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
150	<p>J Cawtheray asked for group members to update from the discussions held on 15th September and following sign off of the pathway.</p> <p>J Thorpe highlighted that Midyorks patients were picked up via the CNS rather than by the MDT.</p> <p>Commissioners to feedback to J Cawtheray for update at the YCN Breast Executive Group scheduled for 2011.</p>	All Commissioners	31/12/2010
8. Cancer Waiting Times			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
151	<p>P Melling presented the latest Cancer Waiting Times.</p> <p>P Melling agreed to provide the group with a 'Commissioning Toolkit Training' session. The meeting in January will be split into 1 hour of training and 1 hour of business.</p> <p>S Thornborow to re-arrange the 12th January 2011 date to a more convenient date for C Foster.</p>	S Thornborow	31/12/2010
9. AOB			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
152	<p>J Cawtheray asked the group to agree the new Chairman for 2011. The group voted C Foster as the new Chairman and J Thorpe agreed the role as Vice-Chair for 2011.</p> <p>S Thornborow to update the group membership.</p>	S Thornborow	31/12/2010
153	<p>C Ferguson brought to the table on behalf of F Stephenson a role description for the 'Cancer Awareness and Early Diagnosis - GP Leadership Project. C Ferguson asked group members for assistance to find a Primary Care GP Lead to take the project forward.</p> <p>The DoH have agreed £10,000 to fund a role for promoting the practice profiles across the Network. The call for expressions of interest generated 2 interested GPs, however the one suitable application is now unavailable.</p> <p>The potential for a locality level rather than Network-wide post to be more attractive to potential candidates was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Network team would produce a concise role specification for localities to trawl for interested GPs.</p>	C Ferguson	31/12/2010

Date of Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 8th December 2010 2:00pm [Commissioning Group / Lead Managers Group]
St Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6QD

Wednesday 12th January 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH

Wednesday 9th February 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH

Wednesday 9th March 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH

Wednesday 6th April 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH

Wednesday 11th May 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH

Wednesday 8th June 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group / Lead Managers Group]
Meeting Room, 50 Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate District Hospital

Wednesday 13th July 2011 2:00pm [Commissioning Group]
Seminar Room, First Floor, Paul Sykes Centre, SJUH