

	<p>Conferences/Study Days The Group agreed to share information and circulate to each other. Jo commented on the 2 day Macmillan Course she had attended which covered how to write an article and have it published, this was very interesting and useful. Jo will circulate information and will talk with the group about this at the next meeting.</p> <p>Pat had attended the Parliament meeting “Britain Against Cancer” with Tracey Adams. Pat said this was poorly attended. Not enough professionals were there to give a healthy debate.</p> <p>Jo said teaching was going very well, lots of people attended the Vulval Cancer sessions and new ideas were needed to maintain this.</p> <p>Pat mentioned her meetings with her local Gynaecology Link Nurses and how well these are working.</p> <p>Carol thanked all who had completed the Leadership Questionnaire, as it was “horrible but thanks to those who had taken the time to do it</p> <p>Pat was doing a teaching session at Kirkwood Hospice on the principals of breaking bad news.</p>	<p>Jo Higgins</p>
<p>7. Study Day – May 2006</p>	<p>Contacted 5 different reps but no money has been received as yet. Clinimed have offered to sponsor the day and are happy to give £250.</p> <p>Pat and Cheryl are setting the programme for the day and arranging the speakers.</p> <p>Elaine Davis and her partner are invited to speak about “how life goes on and the effects it has” There is to be a session on Vulval Cancer from Mr Choy. Carol Jones from Vaco is doing a session on Vulval cancer from the patients perspective, Pat said this would be very positive and interesting as Carol had spoken at her link nurse group There would be a session on “cancer induced infertility” Jo suggested a patient from York, and commented that she would be a very good speaker for this session.</p>	

	<p>Jo said she would contact the menopause nurse to ask if a patient could be contacted to give a talk on the session “treatment induced menopause” Jo had a 29-year-old patient in mind but was not sure how well they would speak. Cheryl mentioned a patient of hers who could be asked. This patient has done a documentary programme for the BBC and has had several articles in magazines and would make a good speaker for this session.</p> <p>Pat has written to Lesley Dunlop the lady who plays the District Nurse in the ITV programme “Where The Heart Is” to ask her to chair the study day no reply has been received yet. She has also written to Philip Pattinson to ask him if he would chair the day but again has not had a reply.</p> <p>Help -Everyone to try getting sponsorship for the day from a rep. Pat has also sent letters to a few bookshops, To ask if they would come and do a display of books covering the cancer topics. Pat has the name of the Organon rep that she will contact. Clinimed for the stoma side. Chris Glead to be contacted for lymphoedema. Replens have also agreed to come. Cheryl has spoken to Jo Rule who would be happy to come in her new role.</p> <p>Vaginal dilators – Cheryl seen samples if a new dilator – very good ! Was going to try and get some funding to purchase these to have as trial. Carol asked how well they compare to others and Cheryl said they were much better and cheaper</p> <p>There was an article in the Cancer Nursing Practice but Cheryl’s fear was that there was no mention of best practice or national guidelines.</p> <p>Cheryl had designed the poster and programme the fee for the day is £10 as agreed previously. Carol asked if any help was needed for the day with paper work, certificates etc. In terms of help on the day everyone will be there on the day and also Pat has asked Zoe and another admin colleague</p>	<p>Jo Higgins/Cheryl Downes to contact Jane to ask her to do this.</p> <p>Pat Marsden/Cheryl Downes and Jo Higgins</p> <p>Pat Marsden</p> <p>Cheryl Downes to chase up.</p>
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	<p>who have agreed to help out on the day. Pat has a volunteer also to help.</p> <p>A good idea and one that has been done at other study days is to give attendees a “goodie bag” containing freebees, pens paper, chocolates etc. Pat has already started to contacted different companies and people to see if they can contribute to this. Cheryl suggested putting a quiz sheet in. She has one on sweets, which would be good to use.</p> <p>A HRT rep is still needed. Cheryl commented that they had tried to get hold of one before and this had been difficult. Carol said that she would ask Ann Norman, as she is the Menopause person in clinic.</p> <p>Pat and Cheryl will visit the venue after Christmas to have a look round. There is a separate room for lunch for the day. The lunch will be buffet style. Cheryl mentioned that the main room for the day is huge so the reps will have their stands in the room.</p> <p>A good incentive for the day would be to have a prize. Everyone could have a ticket underneath his or her chair and at the end of the day to look underneath to see if they had a winning envelope. The group thought that a book voucher would be nice for the prize.</p>	<p>Pat Marsden/Cheryl Downes</p> <p>Carol Hancock</p>
<p>8. Carol’s meeting with June Toovey</p>	<p>June Toovey works on a Wednesday and Friday for the Network as Lead Nurse and the rest of her time she works back in Bradford.</p> <p>She wanted to meet to find out what was happening with the group. Carol said she informed her about things that the group was doing and what was in the pipeline etc.</p> <p>Carol said she told June about the Information Leaflets and a little bit about Nurse Led Clinics. June asked what was going on with the clinics. Jo mentioned VE’s and the issues around this. Carol said that June had mentioned that this was a concern.</p> <p>June had asked about terms of reference for the group but overall all was very impressed with the work the group is doing.</p> <p>June had talked about support and how the Network could support the group. She said</p>	

<p>9. Agenda for Change</p>	<p>Some of the group have been assimilated and banded on what they had hoped for but some have not! An article from the “Cancer Management” Journal was shared with the group, the colorectal nurses had found it useful reading when they had been for their re-matching.</p> <p>Cheryl commented that the problem was that the banding was done from the job description and the requirements of the job, not on the qualifications and experience of the nurse. In some cases nurses can be over qualified for the job they are doing.</p> <p>Cheryl commented that she has had to write her own job description and compare with others but her role is so different from others and it has been difficult. Jo agreed that that’s what they had done.</p>	
<p>10. Peer Review</p>	<p>Cheryl commented that the feedback on whole from peer review was “glowing”. One of the Lead Nurses on the panel had commented on was how committed the network team was.</p> <p>Cheryl thought a good forum would be to discuss peer review at the Network meeting.</p>	
<p>11. Date and Time of next meeting</p>	<p>11th January 2006 St James University Hospital After MDT Carol Hancock arranging Venue Apologises from Pat Marsden already received</p>	