

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Gynaecology Nurses Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2006, 9.30am YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Ms Claire Parkinson	Airedale NHS Trust
	Ms Beverley Hurst	Bradford NHS Trust
	Ms Marion Webb	Harrogate NHS Trust
	Ms Carol Hancock	Leeds NHS Trust
	Ms Cheryl Downes	

1. Apologies & Welcome

Apologies were received from: Ms Jo Higgins, Ms Pat Marsden, Ms Lynne Jackson, and Ms Robyn Wells.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Unit Feedback

▪ Harrogate District Hospital

Marion Webb informed the group that Adrian Barnett is now working alongside J Buxton in the Oncology Clinic.

▪ Cookridge Hospital

Cheryl Downes discussed the use of dilators and the pros and cons of FEMMAX v AMIELLE. At present the unit is still using AMIELLE.

Protocols and care plans are being reviewed and updated as needed. These will be cascaded to all the relevant parties on completion.

▪ Bradford Royal Infirmary

Beverley is heavily involved with the 'tracking' of patients at the moment. CNS nurses in the units discussed their input in relation to this and it was apparent that whilst they play a role, it is very much shared by a team. It may be beneficial to share our systems and roles within the teams to highlight areas of good practice.

Mr Peter O'Donovan is now the Cancer Unit Lead for Bradford.

▪ Airedale General Hospital

Claire Parkinson reported that Mr. Santaney is now the Cancer Unit Lead for Airedale General Hospital

- **St James Hospital**

Cheryl Downes informed everyone that Sam Saidi has been appointed the 6th Consultant in Leeds. He will be linking in with mid-Yorkshire.

4. Patient Information Update

The booklets are now ready for proof reading and Carol Hancock will send them out. We are now to apply for funding for printing. Radiotherapy booklets are being reviewed and re written as needed. Robyn Wells is currently using patient diaries. It was suggested that Robyn Wells should bring a copy in which we could look at and perhaps consider using as well.

5. Study Day Update

The venue is fully booked, with a number of people on the reserve list (30), which highlights its success.

6. Any other business

- **Core competencies.**

As a team, it was suggested that we should be looking at developing/ adopting or adapting some for our use – this would link with banding/ KSF and PDR reviews. This will be discussed again at our next meeting and a plan of action.

- **PPM System**

It was discussed at the Leeds Management meeting the non accessibility for staff not employed by the Leeds Trust.

As CNS nurses 'we' would find having 'viewing' access only to Gynae/ Oncology patients a valuable resource. As Key Workers within the Units, we have limited information to work with when discussing issues or concerns with our patients who are undergoing treatment at both sites. This will be raised again at the Cancer Network Meeting to be held in May.

- **Chemotherapy Patients from Unit to Centre**

Marion wished to discuss the pathway and 'key worker' status of patients receiving their chemotherapy in Leeds from the Unit. A recent audit undertaken highlighted a number of issues and it was felt that here needed to be a clearer understanding of the input and roles of the CNS in each area. The unit nurses keep in regular contact with these patients and offers local support. The centre CNS offers support and guidance whilst in the centre having their treatment. The need for regular updates between the CNS's is essential in managing their care. It was also suggested that the medical oncology team were made aware of this arrangement.

- **Presentation**

Cheryl suggested inviting June Toovey to one of our meetings and each of us individually presenting 'ourselves' and our 'role' within our areas.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th June 2006 at 2.30pm
YCRN Conference Room 2, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge

8. Future dates:

Tuesday 5th September 2006 at 2.30pm, YCRN Room 2, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge.
Wednesday 18th October 2006 after the Breast Event