

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Gynaecology Nurses Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 3rd July 2006, 9.30am
YCRN Conference Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Ms Claire Parkinson	Airedale NHS Trust
	Ms Beverley Hurst	Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
	Ms Marion Webb	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
	Ms Carol Hancock (Chair) Ms Cheryl Downes	Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
	Ms Lynne Jackson	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms Colinne Sheard	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies & Welcome

Apologies were received from: Ms Pat Marsden

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Unit Feedback

▪ Bradford

With effect from 1st October 2006 clinic times are being changed to enable MDT meetings to be held in the morning

Fast tracking is going ahead okay

At Macmillan AGM it was decided to change the name to 'Macmillan Cancer Support' which is felt will appeal to the younger element. It was agreed that the logo and type face needed changing

▪ York

A general discussion took place on the Day Case Unit.

A new policy has been agreed on drain removal – copy to be sent with minutes.

The question of patients being discussed at MDT and how long after the MDT meeting are they seen was debated.

ACTION: Ms Sheard to circulate

▪ Leeds

Cheryl Downes showed the group the new FEMAX dilator which comes with a CD to show how to use it and some relaxation music. The cost of this dilator is £15. Patients normally pay £35. It has passed all the guidelines.

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust have been reviewing CNS support but there is a complete freeze on recruitment until the end of September.

Jo Higgins is taking a 12 month career break. The group agreed to keep referrals to Carol Hancock to a minimum until the additional CNS is in place. Sam Saidi's post as a Consultant will now start in October.

4. Patient Information

Carol Hancock apologised for not getting the information leaflet out to everyone. She has updated Ward 2's leaflet and will email it out. It was agreed to include Sam Saidi's name on the leaflet giving a total of six Consultants in post.

Cheryl Downes and Bill Hunter had a meeting with Jane Archer, YCN Patient Information & Support Manager to discuss the raising of the agenda of patient information through the NSSG. Jane Archer is happy to come and talk to the group. The last meeting that was held to discuss this issue was in 2004 and needs to be concluded. Bill Hunter suggested that at the next NSSG meeting in September the Gynae Nurses set up a working party to take patient information further and to look at the pathways to make sure they are up to date. This will be amalgamated into one National Pathway for all cancers.

ACTION: Carol Hancock to circulate the Ward 2 leaflet to the group

5. PPM System

This is a Leeds based service but because most of the group aren't contracted to LTH they do not have access to PPM. There is no decision to change that at present. In Bradford they have purchased a laptop for Richard to use so he can access PPM whilst he is in clinic.

6. Any Other Business

- Pat Marsden sent some documents for the group to look at entitled 'The RCN Vaginal and Pelvic Examination' and 'It Wouldn't Help the Menopause'.
- There was a discussion on various courses for CNS's and the modules. It was suggested that a module be held on psychosexual issues. It was mentioned that June Toovey was prepared to support this module on behalf of the Network in terms of the funding for this course. Most of the group are keen to go ahead with it once they have full information.
- There is a trial coming up shortly that is going through EMREK called The Atak(c) that will be looking at traditional follow-up which is for peritoneal and ovarian cancers only.
- The group discussed the next YCN Gynae Nurses Study Day and which venue to hold it at. Whether to do the same format and if they should accommodate more people at the study day or just have a waiting list as previously. Holding it at the Pavillions in Harrogate or at a venue in York was debated on. It was agreed that there would be about 6 stands and no workshops. Delegates were charged £10 last time. To be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Gynae Nurses Study Day to be discussed further at next meeting

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th September 2006 at 2.30pm
YCRN Conference Room, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital