

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK AND
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER COAST CANCER NETWORK
Haematology Group**
Minutes of the meeting held on
Friday 24th June 2005, 2.00pm
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:

Dr T Czyz Dr A Steed	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
Dr C Hall Ms E Harris	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
Dr R Patmore (Chair) Dr M Shields	Humber & Yorkshire Coast Cancer Network
Dr C Coyle Dr D Gilson Dr P Hillmen Dr B McVerry Ms E Thomas	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms D Barker Dr D Wright	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr G Dublon	Wakefield West PCT
Dr L Bond Dr M Howard	York Hospitals NHS Trust
Prof M Baker Miss L Carroll Mr P Melling Mr B Tinkler Mr D Thomson	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr C Carter, Dr G Cook, Dr A Cuthbert, Dr M Gesinde, Dr S Jalihal, Dr R Johnson, Dr S Kinsey, Prof M Lind, Dr N Newton, Mrs A Nowell, Mr K Nowell, Dr L Parapia and Dr G Smith.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Dr Kinsey had sent a letter to the Network dated 13th May 2005 explaining that members had not agreed for Primary Care to be included in the 'Teenagers & Young Adult Referral Pathways' document as stated under agenda item 9.

Apart from this the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

• **Haematology provision at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust**

Dr Steed gave an update on the current Haematology provision at Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust. Dr Steed explained they did not have the support staff (an MDT Co-ordinator) to establish a single MDT for the Trust. Mr Tinkler said he would discuss this further with Lisa Williams, Lead Manager for Cancer Services. Dr Gilson explained that the Mid Yorkshire Lymphoma patient cases have been going through the Thursday

MDT noting that this sometimes put strain on Leeds due to the volume of work. Prof Baker explained the current agreement (until 2007) is to develop a local MDT at Calderdale and Huddersfield Trust to ensure that all incident cases and cases requiring specialist opinion are identified early and referred to Leeds for discussion. If an appropriate service can be established locally then it may be possible in the future for Mid Yorkshire to support an MDT locally and have a lower engagement with Leeds. From the 1st July 2005 the MDTs in Leeds were reorganised, every Thursday the lymphoma one takes place at Cookridge, the Myeloma & CML Lymphoma one takes place on Tuesdays and the acute leukaemia & Transplant one takes place on a Friday. The importance of having representation from Mid Yorkshire at each of the MDTs was emphasised.

ACTION: Mr Tinkler to discuss MDT support with Lisa Williams

Consultants at Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust to agree who attends the appropriate Leeds MDTs

- **Haematology Action Plan**

Prof Baker reported that the haematology Action Plan will be signed-off.

- **Data Collection Programme**

From September 2004 to the end of May 2005, 1400 new diagnoses had been registered with the data collection system. Dr Patmore explained this number is higher than expected due to definition issues resulting in double counting. This problem has now been resolved. As only a small proportion of patients have been giving their consent for their data to be put onto the research part of the database it is proposed that EGU will now approach the patient direct.

Richard Jones will be presenting information on the ongoing database at the next network meeting.

4. Neck Lump Clinics

Dr Coyle, Chair YCN Head & Neck Group emphasised the importance for patients with a neck lump to be referred to the YCN Network MDTs (Bradford, Leeds and York) as efficiently as possible noting that she and Dr Gilson are undertaking work to improve the patient pathway. This work will be shared with the Haematology Group. Dr Hillmen volunteered to join the working group.

Dr Patmore reported that the H&YCCN are undertaking similar work to this and are producing their own Network guidelines. It was felt it would be beneficial to compare the two Networks completed work.

ACTION: Dr Coyle to report back on the patient pathway work

5. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest figures for the CWT data circulated with the agenda. Mr Melling highlighted that CWT are now being submitted to the DOH on a weekly basis.

6. Regional Guidelines

The 'Review day' of the Haematology guidelines is taking place on Friday 1st July 2005 at Oulton Hall.

7. Peer Review

Prof Baker gave feedback on the Peer Review progress.

8. Network Approved Drug Regimes

Mr Thomson updated the group on work that had been undertaken on drug regimes. The list of acceptable regimes has been sent to Dr Patmore sign off.

The Consensus statement on the use of Bortezomib (VELCADE®) in patients with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma was circulated.

9. Update on recent appointments and vacancies

Trusts gave an update on their recent appointments and vacancies. Dr Dublon highlighted the importance of making posts more attractive i.e. linking posts together to help improve recruitment. Concerns were raised that whilst the number of vacancies have increased the number of people coming off training schemes has decreased. It was acknowledged that this is a national issue.

10. JACIE Update

The JACIE report has been received and accepted however accreditation is still being awaited.

11. Any other business

Dr Patmore announced with great sadness the death of Jan Chapman, the User Involvement representative from the H&YCCN. The valuable contribution and time Jan and Peter Chapman had dedicated to the YCN Haematology Group was acknowledged. Dr Patmore said he would be writing to Mr Chapman to send the groups condolences.

Mr Tinkler explained that in future minutes and correspondence will be sent out electronically only.

Dr Gilson informed members that Mr Nowell is undergoing treatment at Leeds General Infirmary. The group extended their best wishes for his treatment and recovery.

- **Teenagers and Young Adults Referral Pathway**

Dr Gilson reported that the 'Teenagers and Young Adults Referral Pathways' document had been sent to the H&YCCN Management Board and Prof Baker for comments. Dr Kinsey has also shared this document with the YCN & H&YCCN Paediatric & Adolescent Haematology & Oncology group. It is anticipated this document will be launched in September 2005. Dr Gilson welcomed any feedback.

Members present agreed to Dr Gilson's suggestion for the HMDS to directly notifying the TYA unit of newly diagnosed patients (within the agreed age group) with a haematological malignancy.

Another piece of work identified is on the transition from Paediatric Care to Adult Care. This work will be undertaken after the launch of the 'Teenagers and Young Adults Referral Pathways' document.

12. Date of next meeting

Friday 30th September 2005, 2.00pm
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital
(Lunch will be provided from 1.30pm)