

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK AND  
HUMBER & YORKSHIRECOAST CANCER NETWORK  
Haematology Group**  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006, 2.00pm**  
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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**Present:**

Dr A Cuthbert	Airedale NHS Trust
Dr L Newton	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Dr J Czyz	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
Dr E Harris	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
Dr R Patmore (Chair)	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms H Mitchell	Humber & Yorkshire Coast Cancer Network
Dr D Gilson Dr G Smith	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms H Greenwood Dr K Patil Dr D Wright	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Miss L Carroll Mr S Duffy Mr P Melling Mr D Thomson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
Mr K Nowell Mrs A Nowell	Yorkshire Cancer Network User Partnership Group

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dr S Ali, Dr L Bond, Dr A Bynoe, Dr C Carter, Dr M Chapple, Dr C Hall, Dr P Hillmen, Dr A Jack, Dr R Johnson, Mr M Shields and Ms E Thomson.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being an accurate record.

**3. Matters arising**

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

Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust established a local MDT in December 2005. Patients are now being discussed at the Leeds General Infirmary and Cookridge Hospital. HMDS data is used to ensure patients have been through an MDT.

A meeting of stakeholders, MDT Leads, Haematologists from Calderdale & Huddersfield and relevant Managers to discuss the support/co-ordination of the MDT is taking place in July 2006.

It was reported there is no MDT Co-ordinator support at Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust. Mr Tinkler agreed to discuss this with the Lead Manager.

**ACTION: Mr Tinkler to speak to the Lead Manager at C&H to discuss the managerial role of the MDT**

- **Network audit**

Dr Patmore encouraged members to inform him what data reports they would like to see extracted from the database.

**ACTION: All to contact Dr Patmore regarding what data they would like to see reported.**

- **Septrin Prophylaxis – local policies**

A group discussion regarding the use of prophylactic Septrin for patients with cancer took place. Dr Smith suggested work could be undertaken to assess the effects of CP4 counts and when prophylaxis should be given. Dr Patmore agreed to feedback to the Chair of the YCN Infection Group what is currently taking place across the Network.

Dr Smith encouraged any haematologists interested in joining the YCN Infection group to contact Miss Carroll.

**ACTION: Dr Patmore to update Chair of YCN Infection Group**

**Anyone interested in joining the YCN Infection Group to contact Miss Carroll**

#### **4. Cancer Waiting Times**

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest CWT data circulated with the agenda. The group reviewed and discussed the reasons for breaches in detail.

Mr Melling presented data extracted from the Cancer Waiting Times national database that showed the number and % of patients discussed at an MDT compared to the total number of cases and the number and % of cases discussed at MDT pre and post first treatment for the YCN. A group discussion followed. Mr Melling agreed to include the H&YCCN in this data.

#### **5. Peer Review**

Dr Patmore updated the group on the pre visit and visit dates scheduled noting that the last day for self assessment is 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006. The final cut off date for submitting evidence is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

- **Membership**

The names of the MDT Leads were confirmed. Miss Carroll agreed to circulate the membership list for comments prior to formal sign-off.

**ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate draft membership (actioned 17.07.06)**

- **Terms of reference**

The ToR will be circulated for comments prior to formal sign-off.

**ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate ToR for comments (actioned 17.07.06)**

- **Work Programme 2006-2007**

The work programme for 2006-2007 is currently being produced and will be circulated for comment shortly.

- **Annual Report**

The annual report for 2005-2006 is being produced and will be circulated for formal agreement shortly.

- **Audit**

It is proposed a final report of the network audit 'The Management of Haematological Malignancies within the Yorkshire and Humber & Yorkshire Coast Cancer Networks' will be presented at the September 2006 meeting.

- **Representatives attending visits and briefing meeting**

Colleagues invited to attend the YCN and H&YCCN Haematology visit were confirmed. They include the Chair, Vice Chair, a nurse representative, user involvement and patient information lead, service improvement lead, patient-carer representatives and the lead team at each network. The network will send a notification letter to these representatives.

**ACTION: Network to send notification letter (actioned 05.07.06)**

Dr Patmore noted that the Peer Review mapping work being undertaken within MDTs should generate an action plan and proposed these should be shared at the Haematology meeting taking place in September 2006.

Dr Patmore gained agreement from the group to undertake a Service Improvement joint process pathway mapping exercise across the network for transplantation.

## **6. Chemotherapy Issues**

Mr Thomson reported that ESHAP-R, FC-R, FLAG, HYPER-CVAD and C Z-Dex have been added to the regime list as agreed at the last meeting. Version 2 of CBP, CHOP, CHOP R and IDERRAM will also be added. Out-patient ESHAP and PABLOE will be removed.

Mr Thomson agreed to arrange a meeting with Ms Mitchell to discuss having the regime list approved by the H&YCCN. A discussion regarding the commissioning of drugs took place. Mr Thomson proposed in the future the regimes/guidelines may have to state whether they have been commissioned or are clinical recommendation.

**ACTION: Mr Thomson to meet with Ms Mitchell**

**Mr Thomson/Miss Carroll to add/remove regimes**

- **Fast Rituximab**

Members reviewed the YCN and H&YCCN Haematology group Rituximab Rapid Infusion Protocol. Mr Thomson agreed to take this paper to the YCN and H&YCCN Chemotherapy Group for agreement prior to taking through the individual Trusts governance structures for formal approval.

**ACTION: Mr Thomson to take to YCN and H&YCCN Chemotherapy Groups**

- **GCSF Tender Proposal**

Mr Thomson summarised the YCN and H&YCCN GCSF Tender Proposal circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the proposal suggested in detail. Mr Thomson agreed to suggest they take forward a three way tender to look at filgrastim versus pegfilgrastim and lenograstim.

- **Horizon Scanning update**

Mr Thomson ensured members were in receipt of the rapid Infusion of Rituximab – An audit paper. Mr Thomson welcomed comments.

**ACTION: All to send comments on document to Mr Thomson**

Mr Thomson tabled the approved draft regime for Methotrexate and agreed to make the discussed amendments to the document. Dr Smith prompted a group discussion on audit work that could be taken forward. This will be discussed further at the audit group meeting.

**ACTION: Mr Thomson to make amendments to document and circulate**

**Dr Patmore to suggest audit work that could be taken forward with the audit group**

## **7. Regional Guidelines**

A slight amendment to the CLL section of the YCN and H&YCCN Haematology Guidelines has been made. It is anticipated a "mini" review will take place prior to the main review in 2008.

## **8. Haematology Patient Information Fair – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

A patient information fair will take place prior to the network meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The programme and registration form will be circulated shortly. All members are encouraged to register.

Dr Gilson confirmed that members (in particular Doctors) would be happy to review three sets of information from different organisations and complete an audit form.

## **9. Haematology Information Mapping Event – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Ms Greenwood reported that a Haematology patient information mapping event is taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The aim of this meeting is to establish a general 'information pathway' for haematological patients.

Mr Nowell agreed to send Dr Gilson the YCN guidelines to assessing whether information meets patients' requirements adapted from work by the Northampton Network User Partnership Group.

Following the Newcastle Peer Review Mr Tinkler agreed to send Ms Greenwood their patient information.

**ACTION: Mr Nowell to send Dr Gilson the guidelines (actioned 26.06.06)**

**Mr Tinkler to send Ms Greenwood the Newcastle patient information.**

## **10. Any other business**

- Mr Nowell reported that Macmillan Cancer Support have published a report 'worried sick, the emotional impact of cancer' which covers the key findings and recommendations of recent research on psychological support they have undertaken. A group discussion followed regarding psychological support within Trusts. Ms Hannah Mitchell reported that Prof Walker from Princess Royal Hospital has given talks to the H&YCCN patient Groups on support for patients noting he may be happy to present at the YCN.

**ACTION: Miss Carroll agreed to circulate this paper with the minutes**

- Dr Smith informed members that the Department of Health (DH) has updated their original 1995 medical leaflet (Splenectomy Information for Patients) and medic alert card. 500 copies of these can be obtained free of charge by contacting the DH publications order line on 08701 555 455 or emailing [dh@prolog.uk.com](mailto:dh@prolog.uk.com)
- Dr Cuthbert raised her concerns regarding charging patients with Hodgkin's disease for sperm storage. Mr Duffy emphasised the importance they identify scope of this issue. Dr Patmore asked colleagues from each unit to write to him and highlight their current arrangements (including costs and number of patients).

**ACTION: All units to write to Dr Patmore**

## **11. Date of next meeting**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006, 12.30 - 4.30pm  
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**