

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK AND  
HUMBER & YORKSHIRECOAST CANCER NETWORK  
Haematology Group**  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006, 2.00pm**  
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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<b>Present:</b>	Dr A Cuthbert	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr L Newton	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Steed	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Dr E Harris	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr R Patmore (Chair) Dr M Shields	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mrs M Eastwood Mr Eastwood Ms H Mitchell	Humber & Yorkshire Coast Cancer Network
	Dr G Cook Dr D Gilson Dr P Hillmen Dr R Johnson	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms H Greenwood Dr K Patil Dr D Wright	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr M Howard Dr L Munro	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms L Anderson Miss L Carroll Ms C Ferguson Mr P Melling Ms F Stephenson	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 M Gesinde, Dr C Hall, Dr A Jack, Dr S Kinsey, Dr M McVerry, Dr L Parapia, Dr G Smith, Dr G Thomas, Dr Verbeke and Dr A Williams.

Dr Patmore introduced and welcomed Mr and Mrs Eastwood, Patient/Carer representatives from H&YCCN to the group.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

### 3. Matters arising

Dr Cuthbert confirmed is awaiting a response to the letter she sent to Mr Martin and Mr Tinkler regarding charging patients with Hodgkin's disease for sperm storage.

Dr Patmore asked members to write to him with any issues on sperm storage.

**ACTION: To write to Prof Patmore details any issues with sperm storage**

There is no agreed Network consensus on the use Prophylactic Septrin for patients with cancer (tends to be 480mg once a day). The group would welcome further guidance from the YCN Infection Group.

#### **Calderdale & Huddersfield**

Dr Gilson reported from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 the Tuesday Leeds MDT will join with Calderdale & Huddersfield.

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

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest CWT data circulated with the agenda.

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

- **Pre-visit feedback**

Dr Patmore gave feedback from the Network pre-visit that took place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006 noting there were no major issues.

Dr Johnson reported that through discussion with the Zonal Team it has been agreed that Calderdale & Huddersfield will be reviewed with the Leeds MDT. However issues relating to the Leeds and Calderdale & Huddersfield services/MDTs will be highlighted separately. Comments on whether Calderdale & Huddersfield meet the measure and/or further work that must be undertaken will be noted along side the Leeds assessment.

- **Work Programme**

The group agreed the Work Programme for 2006-07.

- **Audit**

Dr Patmore summarised the H&YCCN and YCN Haematology audit of MDT review paper circulated with the agenda. It is hoped this audit will be repeated prior to the Peer Review visit.

- **Service Improvement**

Those present explained to the group the service improvement work they had undertaken in their MDT, highlighting priority areas and explaining how these were now being addressed. The group agreed it would be useful to for all the finalised MDT service improvement reports to be circulated within the group.

**ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate finalised service improvement reports and action plans.**

#### Joint Pathway Mapping

A progress report on the joint pathway mapping of transplant patient journeys across the two networks was circulated. Dr Patmore reminded the group of the quality measure relating to mapping of pathways for inter team referral. It was agreed that a small time limited working party should be formed to look at the recommendations arising from the preliminary work.

**ACTION: Ms Anderson, YCN Service Improvement Facilitator, to convene the working party.**

#### **6. Chemotherapy issues**

Mr Melling tabled the Horizon scanning paper. A group discussion followed. Dr Gilson reported that Leeds has been approved funding by the medicines finance committee to treat 10 patients a year with Zevalin. Dr Patmore asked trusts to refer any patients to Leeds to ensure they are suitable prior to applying to the local PCT for specialist funding.

Dr Cuthbert highlighted that Airedale was still struggling to obtain funding for Thalidomide.

## 7. Regional Guidelines

The group formally agreed the guidelines on reporting pathological specimens from haemato-oncology patients. Miss Carroll will insert these into the clinical guidelines.

**ACTION: Miss Carroll to insert pathology section into clinical guidelines (actioned Oct 2006)**

## 8. Any other business

- Dr Patmore gave feedback from the audit group meeting he had attended. The website for the data collection programme is now available at [www.bloodcancer.info](http://www.bloodcancer.info) Dr Patmore welcomed any feedback.
- Dr Gilson reported there are new clinical guidelines for PET/CT scanning (September 2006). She agreed to send the finalised prioritisation list for circulation.
- The Haematology Patient information mapping Event Summary Report was tabled. At the next meeting of the haematology Nurses they will map patient information for the following diseases; Lymphoma, Myeloma and Leukaemia. Dr Patmore emphasised the importance that nurses from the H&YCCN are involved and asked Ms Greenwood to update him on their involvement.

**ACTION: Feedback on the audit website to be sent to Dr Patmore**

**Dr Gilson to send Miss Carroll the prioritisation list for circulation**

**Ms Greenwood to update Dr Patmore on H&YCCN nurse attendance at the meetings.**

- Dr Wright prompted a group discussion on transitional funding for research and development in trusts noting it is unclear how much funding will be available in 2007 to support the recruitment onto trials. Dr Hillmen agreed to send Dr Patmore further details regarding trust applying for money.

**ACTION: Dr Hillmen to send Dr Patmore document**

- Dr Jack and Dr Cuthbert have agreed to represent the YCN Pathologist's at the haematology meetings.
- Dr Patmore received a letter from Dr Haslam on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2006 regarding Primary Care representation on the group. Although there is insufficient representation on the Primary Care group to attend all the haematology meetings, Dr Patmore is welcome to attend their meetings. They are also happy to be involved in any care pathway work.

## 9. Date of next meeting

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006, 2.00pm  
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**