

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK AND
HUMBER & YORKSHIRECOAST CANCER NETWORK
Haematology Group**
Minutes of the meeting held on
Friday 1st December 2006, 2.00pm
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr A Bynoe Dr C Hall	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr R Patmore (Chair) Dr M Shields	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr D Bowen Dr A Critchley Dr D Gilson Dr P Hillmen Dr A Jack Dr R Johnson Dr G Smith Dr E Thomas	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms R Copland Ms H Greenwood Dr K Patil Dr D Wright	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr M Howard	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Miss L Carroll Mr P Melling Mr D Thomson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms N Thornton	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr S Ali, Dr M Chapple, Dr A Cuthbert, Dr L Bond, Mrs M Eastwood, Dr M Gesinde, Dr E Harris, Dr B McVerry, Ms H Mitchell, Dr L Munro, Mrs A Nowell and Mr K Nowell.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Sperm Storage

Mr Tinkler has advised Dr Cuthbert to speak to the commissioners at Airedale PCT regarding charges for patients with Hodgkin's disease for sperm storage. Mr Tinkler noted that the minutes for the meeting of the Specialist Commissioning Group for West Yorkshire cover sperm and egg storage. These will be circulated with the minutes.

Mr Tinkler is happy to raise any issues with the head of specialist commissioning for discussion at the SHA specialist commissioning group.

Dr Patmore suggested this could be addressed at the guidelines meeting and incorporated into the guidance.

ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate relevant section of the minutes of the Specialist Commissioning Group

4. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest Cancer Waiting Times data circulated with the minutes.

5. Peer Review

Dr Patmore ensured everyone was prepared for the Peer Review visits.

Service Improvement

It was reported that the Quality Measure (1C-118) on the Joint pathway mapping has been uploaded onto CQUINS.

6. Chemotherapy Issues

Mr Thompson circulated the Haematology Horizon scanning paper and asked for any comments to be sent to him.

Although the Network guidelines currently support the use of Velcade, if NICE don't support the use, the group will have to address this at the guidelines review meeting.

Following the discussion at the last meeting the list of regimes will be updated and replaced on the website. Mr Thomson noted that a database is being produced to help manage all the regimes. MCOP-R will be added to the list.

The group agreed with the proposal to work towards a Network approach for haematology prescription charges.

ACTION: Comments on the Haematology Horizon scanning to be sent to Mr Thomson

Nilotinib

Dr Patmore reported that Novartis are hoping to expand the access of Nilotinib and would like the groups support. A group discussion followed. Mr Thomson acknowledged that the YCN Chemotherapy group must discuss and agree a policy for expanding access programmes. Mr Tinkler suggested this is discussed further with the newly appointed Drug and Therapeutics Prescriptions Advisor at the SHA.

Mr Thomson said he will share the Haematology Horizon scanning paper with Ms Julie Taylor-Clark, Network Director, HYCCN.

The position paper for the use of iron chelation therapy will be discussed further in an email forum and then at the guidelines review day.

ACTION: To discuss expanding access programmes with the YCN Chemotherapy Group

Mr Thomson to send Haematology Horizon scanning paper to Ms Julie-Taylor Clark

Position paper on the use of iron chelation therapy to be discussed in an email forum and then at the guidelines review day

7. Regional Guidelines

Dr Patmore encouraged members to attend the YCN and HYCCN Haematology Guidelines Review Day taking place on Friday 2nd February 2007, Thorpe Park Hotel, Leeds.

8. Audit Update

Dr Patmore gave feedback from the audit meeting that took place on 14th October 2006 and asked Miss Carroll to circulate the minutes. Following a group discussion regarding accessing data on the database and how this is controlled and regulated Dr Patmore agreed to write a document to stipulate how this should take place.

ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate the audit meeting minutes

Dr Patmore to write document regarding the regulation and control of the database

9. Any other business

- Ms Thornton tabled and summarised the latest YCRN open trial information. Following a group discussion Dr Patmore asked if Ms Thornton could report on the issues identified and the YCRN resources available. Ms Thornton agreed to liaise with HYCCN to collate this information.

Dr Hillmen asked if he could be added to the circulation list for the YCRN Executive Group.

ACTION: Ms Thornton to report back on YCRN trails at the next meeting and to add Dr Hillmen to the YCRN Executive Group

- A discussion regarding the difficulties accessing the Apheresis Therapeutic Service took place. Dr Patmore agreed to write to Dr Gesinde for clarification on the issues raised.

ACTION: Dr Patmore to write to Dr Gesinde

- The group agreed with Ms Greenwood's request to allow the Nurse Specialists within the YCN and HYCCN to attend the meetings. The YCN and HYCCN Haematology Nurses Network group is continuing to progress work on the patient information pathway.
- Dr Patmore has presented the HYCCN Management Board with a report highlighting issues around the NSSG and will send this to Miss Carroll for circulation to the group.

ACTION: Dr Patmore to send Miss Carroll report for circulation with minutes

- Miss Carroll agreed to circulate YCN Service User Involvement Strategy with the minutes.

ACTION: Miss Carroll to circulate the YCN Service User Involvement Strategy with the minutes

- Dr Patmore received a letter from Mr Duffy, YCN Medical Director on 24th October inviting expressions of interest to participate in early work on the further development of network groups. Dr Patmore has volunteered the YCN & HYCCN Haematology Group.

Since this meeting the Network's Organisational Development Facilitator, David Walton has welcomed the opportunity to organise further exploratory discussions with Prof Kerr and other lead members of the Group (Vice Chair, Nursing, Service Improvement, User Involvement/Patient Information Lead as appropriate) to discuss the project and agree the level of additional support the Network team can offer to support your development needs.

- Dr Patmore prompted a group discussion regarding funding for HMDS. There were no major issues to report.
- Following the publication by The Royal Collage of Radiologists on Recommendations for Cross-Sectional Imaging in Cancer Management (Issue 2) the HYCCN radiology group have produced a draft protocol. Dr Patmore will forward this to the YCN Imaging Group for comments.
- Members agreed with Dr Hillmen's suggestion to reinstate the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Group meetings. It was agreed that four meetings will be held per year. Dr Hillmen will confirm some dates.

ACTION: Dr Patmore to forward recommendations to Dr Carey

Dr Hillmen to confirm dates

10. Dates for 2007 meetings

Friday 9th March
Friday 15th June
Friday 7th September
Friday 14th December

11. Date of next meeting

Friday 9th March 2006, 2.00pm
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital