

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Cancer Lead Managers

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 22nd March 2006 at 1.30pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Ms D Gulliford	Airedale General Hospital
	Ms G Hollingsworth	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Ms L Williams	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Ms E Jeffers	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr P Melling	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Mrs C Sheard	
	Ms F Stephenson	
	Mr B Tinkler	
	Ms C Ferguson	Yorkshire Cancer Network Service Improvement Team

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms J Bewley, Ms L Booth, Mr D Fox, Ms J Myers.

Mrs Sheard was introduced to the group as the new Network Support Officer.

It was announced that Ms Myers had taken over from Mr G Cooney as Lead Manager for Cancer Services, Leeds NHS Trust. From April Ms Bewley will be taking over in an operational role in Surgical & Vascular Services.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

▪ Local Delivery Plan Update

The SHA are having to submit a high level financial plan by the end of this week. They are very focused on achieving CWT. The Health Care Commission are still finalising the star ratings for this year including CWT.

Anticipated Role of PbR on Palliative Care Services .

Two working groups still working on palliative care. There will be no tariffs agreed for Specialist Palliative Care until 2008.

ACTION: Mrs Sheard to distribute presentation on Healthcare Resource Groups for Specialist Palliative Care

▪ Herceptin

Mr Tinkler gave an update regarding Herceptin. The group were informed that a toolkit is being developed nationally. Roche submitted the licence application in mid-February and is going through the NICE process. There has been an increase in requests for information on other drugs being developed. A discussion took place on how it is being reviewed within other organisations and groups.

4. Improving Outcomes Guidance

- **Head & Neck**

The National Cancer Action Team did not accept the YCN proposals put forward. It was agreed that the group would do an option appraisal and that discussion would take place at the Network board and an agreed proposal then it would be taken to the Cancer Action Team.

- **Children & Young Adults Cancer**

The IOG was published in August last year. The principal of the guidance is that age appropriate safe and effective services should be as local as possible. The Cancer Action Team had a workshop in October and there was a discussion on how the action plan should be structured. There are probably going to be some key issues around those patients who are between 19 and 24 who have got to be offered the opportunity to be treated within the young adults specialist team or the adult MDT.

- **Skin**

IOG was published at the end of February/beginning of March. The next NSSG meeting is going to talk about the impact on key issues around those who treat skin cancer being part of the MDT. For the first time this will include primary care clinicians and GP's with a special interest in skin.

- **Transition Process**

There was nothing new to report.

5. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling presented the latest CWT data to the group.

It was noted that there had been a decrease in cancer waiting times which was welcomed by the group. Mr Melling said that he was trying to look at the quality of the information on the data base.

There was a discussion on breaches and the amount of paper work involved.

Mr Melling demonstrated the cancer event server which should be up and running by Easter.

There has recently been a meeting on the MDT alert and the new process. Ms Ferguson outlined the outcome of what had been discussed.

ACTION: Mr Melling to send CWT data out.

6. Peer Review Update

Ms Stephenson updated everyone on Peer Review. Haematology will be reviewed later this year.

7. Feedback on Local Issues

Ms Jeffers gave the group some feedback on local issues. On the 1st January 2006 a new Lead Clinician, Mr David Alexander, came into post. There are still service issues around head and neck, the biggest issue is around non-surgical oncology where they were unable to appoint a third consultant last week.

8. Any Other Business

- **PET Scanners**

Mr Tinkler informed the group on the discussions around obtaining the PET scanner to be sited in Leeds.

- **Colorectal Group**

Ms Ferguson reported on the draft guidelines on improving care in the early stages.

- **Sarcoma**

Improving Outcomes Guidance has been published today (22.3.06). Mr Tinkler went through the key recommendations.

- **Additional Allocation Funding 05/06**

Mr Tinkler informed the group that an email had gone out requesting additional allocation funding invoices to be submitted to the Network.

9. Date of Next Meeting

**Wednesday 28th June 2006 at 1.30pm
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge**