

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK AND
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER COAST CANCER NETWORK
Paediatric & Adolescent Haematology & Oncology Group**

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday 28th April 2005, 2.00pm
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Alison Britland Karen Cooke Linda Sanderson	Airedale NHS Trust
	Katherine Tann	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Margaret Riley	Humber & Yorkshire Coast Cancer Network
	Martin Elliott Alison Franklin Adam Glaser Miranda Hodgkin Sally Kinsey Sue Picton (Chair) Barbara Pymmer Mike Richards Stephen Richards (HMDS) David Thomas	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mike Miller	Martin House
	Brigid Allagoa	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Richard Feltbower	University of Leeds
	Pat Ansell	University of York
	Robin Ball Jill Crampton L Lockwood Angie Walker	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Lucy Carroll Barry Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies for Absence

Ann Brady, Sue Burchill, Catherine Cullinane, Anne Cuthbert, Alister Faulkner, Keith Ferguson, Martin Hemmingway, Helen Goner, Rachel Hollis, Heather Martin, Sue Morgan, Cornelia Scott, Gill Sharpe, Angela Stephen and Trish Thompson.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

• **Electronic Prescribing**

Electronic prescribing is being addressed through the YCN Chemotherapy group.

David Thomson, YCN Pharmacist is collecting comments on behalf of the Network on the draft 'Cancer Services Electronic Prescribing System' produced by the e-prescribing team at NPfIT.

The YCN Pharmacy Group is working to producing an agreed list of acceptable chemotherapy regimes in the YCN.

- **ALL Maintenance Project**

Work is being undertaken to look at changing the way ALL maintenance chemotherapy is provided for children. Miranda Hodgkin thanked the clinicians and community teams for their ongoing support. Of the three models reviewed it was decided that model one will be used. This audit will take place in Leeds and run over a 3-6 month period. It is hoped that implementation will take place in June/July 2005. The long-term co-ordination of this service is to be agreed.

An in depth group discussion took place on the funding issues related to projects such as the ALL Maintenance. Barry Tinkler explained that he was also the WYSHA pathology Modernisation Lead and suggested that Miranda Hodgkin contacted him direct regarding any specific issues.

Barry Tinkler suggested that David Russell Head of Specialist Commissioning services for the WYSHA and NYSHA is invited to the meeting with PCTs being set up by Ian Lewis to discuss funding of projects such as the ALL maintenance Project.

ACTION: Barry Tinkler to speak to Miranda Hodgkin regarding the issues Trusts are having for the ALL Maintenance Project

4. Clinical Audit

Clinical audit papers were tabled that detailed all new patients, patients that had relapsed, those patients that had died and new patients in shared care centres from 01/11/04 to 01/04/05. Due to patient confidentiality the discussion was not minuted.

The group agreed that it would be beneficial if future audit papers could identify those patients from Mid Yorkshire.

ACTION: Alison Franklin to identify patients next time.

5. Tumour Banking

Nothing to report.

6. Yorkshire Children's Tumour Registry

The work to look at the long term relapse patterns of patients diagnosed since the mid 1970's is ongoing. It is hoped this data can be combined with that from the Northern region.

A paper that looks at the similarities between leukaemia ALL and Type 1 diabetes in children and shows a correlation between these two conditions is due to be published in the next two weeks.

It is hoped a grant proposal will be submitted to investigate patient's perceptions of care focusing in particular on adolescents straddling the paediatric and adolescent ages.

Funding for the Yorkshire Young Persons register has been extended for a further three years to March 2008.

Pat Ansell reported that a Candlelighters grant had been awarded to look at symptom governances and profiles in children with cancer. This grant will be used to appoint another data analyst to assist with the increasing work load.

The NICE Urgent Referral Guidance for people with suspected cancer will be launched in June 2005.

7. Shared Care

Hull

Margaret Riley prompted a group discussion on supporting patients who also have anorexia. It was felt that it was important to ensure that patients undergo a good prognosis to ensure that they have early input locally. David Thomas agreed to discuss this further with the social workers.

ACTION: David Thomas to discuss support for patients with the social workers

Halifax

Katherine Tann said that the Halifax team often felt led by the parent as to when blood samples can be taken and not by Leeds.

ACTION: Katherine Tann and the Halifax team to liaise with the Leeds Team regarding blood samples

Airedale

Alison Britland explained that there had been a problem with the referral pathway for patients with febrile neutropenia and had written to Mike Richards regarding this.

David Thomson said there is a working party looking at redeveloping the parent held records noting that the new information produced will be available in other languages.

Scarborough

Alistar Faulkner had informed Sue Picton that unfortunately they are unable to offer a level higher than level 1 ALL maintenance due to their limited space.

Northallerton, York and Martin House had no major problems to report.

8. Immunisation Policy

There has been an amendment to the Immunisation Policy Guidance and therefore publication has been postponed.

Sue Picton explained that the DoH has requested for any child that has had any head injury or a shunt to be vaccinated with Pnevumovax. Discussions on how this should be approached are ongoing.

9. NICE Guidance on Child and Adolescent Cancer Services

Barry Tinkler explained that following the publication of the NICE guidance the Quality Measures will be produced. Six months post publication of the Quality Measures the Peer Review process will commence.

The computer system being used for the management of Peer Review is the Cancer Quality Information System (CQUINS).

10. Any other business

- Sue Picton informed members that future minutes and correspondence with the group will be done via email.
- Sally Kinsey informed members of the work being undertaken by the Teenagers and Young Adults Group, led by Sue Morgan and Di Gilson. A draft document 'Teenagers & Young Adult Referral Pathways has been produced and will be launched in September 2005. Sally Kinsey summarised the content of this paper.
- Sue Picton informed members of a 'Shared Care Study Day' taking place on Tuesday 28th June 2005 in the Clinical Sciences Building at St James's. David Thomas asked colleagues to inform him of any specific topics they would like to have covered.
- The next YCN Paediatric & Adolescent Haematology & Oncology Educational event will be taking place on Thursday 17th November 2005 at The Thackray Museum, St James's Hospital. A programme and registration form will be circulated in due course.

ACTION: Lucy Carroll to circulate 'Shared Care Study Day' flyer to the group (actioned)

11. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 3rd November, 2.00pm, YCRN Meeting Room 1,
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