

**YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK
Palliative Care Nurses Group**

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 6th July 2006 at 10.00am
YCRN Room 2, Room, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge**

Present:	Charlotte Rock	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Lynn Cowling	Calderdale PCT
	Helen Ankrett (Chair) Helen Mullan Sue Allan	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Penny Lyon	Leeds North West PCT
	Janet Munro	Marie Curie Cancer Care
	Nic Gomersal	Manorlands Hospice/Craven PCT
	Miranda Morris Chris Smith Lynette Humphrey	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Caroline Allison	Selby & York PCT
	Emilia Lightfoot Gwyneth Whitehead	St Gemma's Hospice
	Valerie Little	Wheatfields Hospice
	Colinne Sheard	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies for absence & Welcome

Apologies were received from Mary Johnson, Karen Payne, Nicola Ryan and Karen Sinclair
Helen Ankrett thanked Sally Murdock from Norgine Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the lunch.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. YCN Updates

Helen Ankrett reflected on the work plan agreed at the beginning of the year.

Charlotte Rock has now taken on the role of Chair of the YCN Palliative Care Group so will no longer be able to Co-chair the CNS group. Nominations were requested for a replacement. Valerie Little has volunteered for the role of Vice-Chair if no one else offers.

The group were informed that Chris Smith has a new post as Macmillan Regional Lead Manager for Manchester & Cheshire. Chris was thanked for organising the lunchtime presentations for our meetings.
Congratulations Chris and good luck!

Valerie Little informed the group that she has replaced Charlotte Rock as a member of the YCN Education Sub-Group. They are planning to hold an Educational Event in February 2007 at the Pavillions in Harrogate.

A general discussion followed on the various ideas and topics for the meeting. 'Transitions' has been suggested.

ACTION: Group members to forward any ideas for topics for the event to Valerie Little at valerie.little@suerydercare.org.

YCN audit

Helen Ankrett fed back on the draft findings of the patient's perception of a 9 – 5pm specialist palliative care visiting service audit. The group discussed the results of the survey of which there are still some outstanding issues. Final results will be available in the near future.

YCN patient information strategy meeting

Charlotte Rock gave feedback on the meeting attended on 5th July. The meeting, chaired by Jane Archer, discussed the information needs of patients and the benefits, if any, of developing a network information strategy for cancer patients. Some of the issues discussed were: types of information (written and verbal); 'breaking bad news' interviews; need for more information and support for those diagnosed with recurrent disease and the families of patients with end stage disease being discharged home. The plan is to develop a network strategy.

National Council for Palliative Care regional meeting -Sheffield 14th June

Charlotte had presented an overview of SPC services within the YCN at the meeting. There were informative presentations which included: 'Payment by Results'; recent National Council projects; cardiology services and palliative care. Presentations can be downloaded from the NCPC website: npc.org.uk
Click 'local events', 'Yorkshire' and 'presentations'.

The members then gave an update on activities within their local PCT or Trust.

4. Work plan

**** CNS Competencies ****

Helen Ankrett informed the group that there has been limited progress since the last meeting but the group agreed to prioritise this work. The following volunteered to develop draft Palliative Care CNS competencies:

Lynette Humphrey
Sue Allen
Helan Mullan

ACTION: To report back to the group at the next meeting.

**** Evidencing CNS Activity ****

CNSs are increasingly having to evidence outcome measures in terms of value for money. A sub-group agreed to meet to start work on developing these. The sub-group members are:

Lynne Cowling
Helen Ankrett
Valerie Little
Charlotte Rock
June Toovey
Representative from St. Gemma's Hospice

ACTION: To be discussed at next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Patient Experience Survey. The group agreed it would be beneficial to collate and develop a network-wide patient survey for palliative care utilising work that has already been done. The group agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

**The next meeting is: Wednesday 11th October 2006 at 10.00am
YCRN Conference Room, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital.**