

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Pancreatic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006, 2.00pm  
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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Present:	Mr A Henry	Airedale NHS Trust
	Mr J Ausobsky Ms H Hey Dr C Kay Dr C Beckett	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Verma	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Mr J Harrison	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Anthony (Chair) Mr S Davies Ms D Marshall Mr R Prasad Mr A Smith	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr S Duffy Ms C Sheard Mr P Melling	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

### 1. Apologies for absence, welcome and introductions

Apologies were received from Dr D Clements, Ms M Clough, Dr M Denyer, Mr G Dyke, Dr D Jackson, Ms F Stephenson, Mr B Tinkler, Dr C Verbeke.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

### 3. Matters Arising

None

### 4. Feedback on Referral Guidelines Meeting

The YCN Pancreatic Referral Guidelines meeting took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The group raised issues relating to imaging, direct to test, follow-up and out-patients.

A group of volunteers have agreed to work on the pathways for pancreatic and pancreatic biliary tumours across the Network. Ms Stephenson and Mr Anthony will develop the first draft of the pathways and circulate it to the group.

Mr Smith highlighted that the Bristol Cancer Network had developed pancreatic and peri-pancreatic guidelines. One of the major pieces of work will be to build the framework for this model. Local issues are to be discussed over the next year.

**ACTION: Ms Stephenson and Mr Anthony to develop first draft of the pancreatic and pancreatic biliary tumours pathway and to give an update at the next meeting.**

## 5. Service Improvement Lead

Ms Hey gave an update on service improvement. She explained that the Nursing Group are producing a Pancreatic Cancer leaflet. This work will be channelled through Mrs Jane Archer, Patient Information & Support Manager for the YCN.

**ACTION: Ms Hey to liaise with Mrs Archer regarding production of Pancreatic Cancer leaflet.**

## 5. Feedback on Peer Review

To be discussed at next meeting.

## 6. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling tabled the latest cancer waiting times data and a discussion followed. Mr Melling explained to the group the MDT alert system and how it worked. The issue of missing referrals was discussed at length.

It was concluded that there was no problem with the MDT receiving the alert but there were problems organising the treatment. Mr Duffy said he had raised this with Mr Prasad and the Pancreatic CMT who stated that once the service is centralised this problem would be overcome.

## 7. Pancreatic Cancer Service Development Update

### ▪ Leeds HPB Team

Mr Anthony informed the group that Dr Maria Sheridan has taken on the role of Service Improvement Lead for the MDT to address the workings of the central MDT. There were concerns about how cases will be referred to a central MDT. A discussion followed. It was suggested that the Central MDT follow the model of the West MDT and do not de-skill but integrate the clinicians who are managing the patients.

It was noted that at the Pancreatic Referral Guidelines meeting the group discussed ways of minimising the delay in referrals between Surgeons at Leeds.

### ▪ West Yorkshire Upper GI & HPB MDT

Mr Prasad explained that Leeds MDT is progressing well. A number of new clinicians within the Trust are now working with pancreatic cancer.

Dr Kay gave an update on the Bradford MDT and informed the group that various new members of staff, with an interest in Pancreatic Cancer, have been employed. Dr Kay informed the group that there is still not adequate support from clinical oncologists, which has not been resolved since Peer Review.

## 8. Update on NOW

Ms Marshall gave an update on the new oncology wing.

There are concerns that there will not be enough critical care beds or operating theatres in the new wing. There will only be 18 HDU beds for all the cancer services.

There followed a question and answer session.

## 9. Trials & Studies

Ms Sleigh informed the group of the pancreatic cancer trials and studies taking place within the YCN. There are currently difficulties in recruiting patients on to the ESPAC 3 trial. The group had a general discussion on the problems of recruiting patients into trials.

It was agreed to write to all the Clinical Oncologists with the trials taking place and the importance of recruiting patients on to the trials.

**ACTION: Mr Anthony to write to Clinical Oncologists regarding recruiting for trials.**

**10. Any other business**

None

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 at 2.30pm  
YCRN Conference Room, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**