

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Pancreatic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006, 2.00pm  
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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Present:	Dr D Clements Mr A Henry	Airedale NHS Trust
	Mr J Ausobsky Dr C Beckett Ms H Hey Dr C Kay	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Anthoney (Chair) Dr M Denyer Ms N Hawkshaw Mr K Menon Ms M Sheridan Mr A Smith Dr C Verbeke	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr L Gracey-Whitman Ms L Verity	Mid-Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms M Clough Ms E Jeffers	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms J Archer Mr P Melling Ms C Sheard Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

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

Apologies were received from Ms S Cheeseman, Mr M Denyer, Mr J Harrison, Ms W Markey, Mr R Prasad, Ms H Roberts,

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

### 3. Matters Arising

None

### 4. Developing Referral Guidelines for Pancreatic Cancer – the Experience from Pan-Birmingham Cancer Network.

Mr Darius Mirza gave a presentation on his research into hepato-biliary surgery, referral guidelines and the implementation of the Improving Outcome Guidelines at Birmingham University Hospital. Ms Catherine Markham, Clinical Nurse Specialist gave a talk on her role working with Dr Mirza. This was followed by a question and answer session by the group.

Dr Anthony thanked Mr Mirza and Ms Markham for their informative presentation. The presentation will be circulated to the group.

**ACTION: Copy of Mr Mirza and Ms Markham's presentation attached.**

#### **5. Draft Referral Guidelines for Pancreatic Cancer**

Dr Anthony and Ms Stephenson spoke about the high level pathway for management of pancreatic referrals across the Network which had been developed by Mr Anthony, Mr Prasad and Ms Hey.

A separate draft pathway for the management of jaundice was also discussed.

The group discussed referral to ultrasound and CT, referral to the central MDT and the surgical assessment of patients who were fit for radical surgery. Comments were requested from the group and a revised Pancreatic Referral Pathway and Jaundice Pathway will be circulated.

A discussion followed about fast tracking endoscopy referrals. It was noted that each Trust has fast track forms to be used which are based on national guidelines.

**ACTION: Revised Pancreatic Referral Pathway & Jaundice Pathway to be circulated when completed.**

#### **6. Cancer Waiting Times**

Mr Melling gave a brief outline of the latest cancer waiting times and informed the group that there were two breaches.

#### **7. Service Improvement Leads**

Ms Hey gave an update following her meetings with Ms Stephenson and Mr Prasad. Ms Hey asked the group to let her know who the Service Improvement Lead was for each Trust. Mr Lionel Gracey-Whitman volunteered to be the Service Improvement Lead for Mid-Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Mr Gracey-Whitman updated the group on the changes that have been happening in Mid-Yorkshire.

**ACTION: MDT Clinical Leads to inform Ms Hey the name of the Service Improvement Lead.**

#### **8. Annual Report 2005-06/Work Programme 2006-07**

Ms Stephenson informed the group that the Annual Report for 2006/2006, circulated with the agenda, has been agreed and signed off.

With regard to the Work Programme the main focus is the implementation of the Improving Outcomes Guidance for the coming year and to develop pancreatic pathways.

Dr Anthony discussed organising an Educational Event for 2007 and a volunteer is required to take on the role of the Lead. The areas identified for discussion at the Educational Event are PET Scanning, High Grade Dysplasia and Endoscopic Treatments.

Members were asked to volunteer for the role of Lead on audit.

**ACTIONS: The group to provide comments on the draft Work Programme to Mrs Stephenson by 5.1.07  
Volunteers needed for the roles of Lead for Education and for Audit to Ms C Sheard  
Educational Event to be organised for 2007**

#### **9. Pancreatic Cancer Services Development – Update**

There was a discussion on the new oncology wing and the allocation of theatre space. There are still issues with the CNS in Pancreatic and Upper GI working together and potentially being down-sized which have to be resolved.

## **10. Nominations for Vice Chair**

Dr Anthony announced the two nominees for Vice-Chair of the group, Dr C Beckett and Dr M Sheridan. It was suggested that if Dr Beckett were Vice-Chair, it would provide a balance of representation from Bradford THFT, with Mr Anthony from Leeds THT as Chair. Dr Beckett accepted the position of Vice-Chair of the YCN Pancreatic Group.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Dr Anthony spoke about the Network Development Conference held on the 3.10.06 at Weetwood Hall where Mr Duffy spoke about the ways of improving the Network impact in terms of commissioning. Mr Duffy stated at the meeting that the Network would like two Network Site Specific Groups and a cross cutting group to be used as a pilot to take on the stages of the Network development. Dr Anthony asked the members if they would like the group to be put forward for nomination and the group agreed.

Ms Hawkshaw spoke about the work of the YCN Pancreatic Nurses Group and the forthcoming Pancreatic Mapping Event to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

The group were informed that Ms Maggie Clough has agreed to take the role of the User Involvement and Patient Information Lead for the YCN Pancreatic Group.

## **12. Dates of Meetings in 2007**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 3.45pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 2.00pm**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 3.45pm**

All meeting will take place in **YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital.**