

Present:

Dr P DaCosta	Airedale NHS Trust
Dr D Maloney	
Dr A Gledhill	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
Dr A Cairns	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr S Lane (Chair)	
Dr J Stahlschmidt	
Dr A Anathhanam	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Mrs C Brook	NYCRIS
Dr K Miller	York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Mr P Melling	Yorkshire Cancer Network

Apologies

Mr B Tinkler

3. Matters arising			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
1	<p>•HER2 Testing Pathway</p> <p>G Hughes has carried out some preliminary work on the HER2 pathway audit.</p> <p>All to report back to S Lane if problems at individual Trusts with HER2 testing pathway.</p>	All	On-going
2	<p>•Yorkshire Breast Tissue Bank</p> <p>Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Bradford University have set up their tissue bank called Ethical Tissues.</p> <p>A breast tissue bank has been set up in Leeds, centrally co-ordinated through the University of Leeds.</p> <p>To circulate to the group V Speirs presentation given at the YCN Breast Cancer Educational Event in April.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
3	<p>•Breast Audit</p> <p>QARC has just completed the EQA round.</p> <p>To write to National Co-ordinating Committee for Breast Pathology to request the subset of data to audit tumour grading by Network pathologists.</p>	S Lane	May 2009
4	<p>•User Involvement</p> <p>To check contact details of User Involvement representative with Colin Sloane, YCN User Involvement Facilitator and invite to the next meeting.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009

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5	<p>•Extended Role BMS</p> <p>There is the possibility of a pilot project at Leeds for the Extended Role BMS.</p> <p>Dr Lane asked members for numbers of trainees (post masters) interested in accessing a centralised training system.</p> <p>To inform S Lane of numbers interested in accessing a centralised training system.</p>	All	On-going
6	<p>•Update on Role of PPM</p> <p>Calderdale-Huddersfield have their own full write version of PPM.</p> <p>Harrogate have purchased a server and is awaiting installation.</p> <p>Mid Yorkshire have installed a read-only version of PPM.</p> <p>Airedale are exploring the possibility of implementing at the same time as Bradford.</p> <p>York are looking at a local read-only version.</p> <p>To keep the group updated.</p>	P Melling	On-going
5. NSSG Representation Update			
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7	<p>The group received feedback from the recent Gynaecology and Colorectal NSSG's. Feedback forms previously circulated to the group.</p> <p>To amend the list of the NSSG representatives for the next meeting.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
6. Cancer Waiting Times			
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8	<p>The new cancer waiting times standards, which became live on 1 January 2009 have yet to publish reports. Data will be available from mid May.</p> <p>To update the group at the next meeting.</p>	P Melling	Next Meeting (16/09/2009)
7. Peer Review			
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9	To liaise with H Ryan on the YCN Pathology Group Annual Report and Work Programme.	S Lane/ A Gledhill	On-going
8. Pathology Guidelines			
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10	<p>•Upper GI</p> <p>To forward guidelines to H Ryan for circulation to the group prior to the NSSG in June.</p>	A Cairns	June 2009
11	<p>•Skin</p> <p>Dr W Merchant is updating the guidelines.</p> <p>To check progress with Dr W Merchant and circulate to the group.</p>	H Ryan	June 2009

8. Pathology Guidelines			
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12	<p>•Sarcoma</p> <p>The guidelines have been finalised by Dr S Edwards and uploaded onto the YCN website.</p>	N/A	N/A
13	<p>•Urology</p> <p>The guidelines have been reviewed and left unchanged pending new national guidelines.</p> <p>To alter the review date and upload onto the YCN website.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
14	<p>•Gynaecology</p> <p>Finalised guidelines to be circulated to the NSSG for sign-off by the Chair.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
15	<p>•Lung</p> <p>To remind Dr Davidson to update the guidelines for sign-off at the NSSG in June.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
9. Use of Data from Site-Specific Reporting Forms			
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16	<p>Letter from Professor David Forman, Director of NYCRIS was tabled for information.</p> <p>C Brook summarised that there is a need to establish a consent process for using the data from the site specific reporting forms for Network wide pathology audit purposes.</p> <p>The group agreed that the process should be for consent rather than for information.</p> <p>It was agreed that as and when NYCRIS are approached for access to the pathology data a letter is submitted to the Chair of the YCN Pathology Group to seek consent. Chair to decide, depending on timescale, if it should go to a Network meeting or circulated to members. Network Group to decide if it should go to the relevant NSSG.</p> <p>To feedback outcome to Professor Forman.</p>	C Brook	Review Next Meeting (16/09/2009)
10. NYCRIS Datasets			
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17	<p>C Brook presented to the group a paper for the mandated collection of the cancer registry dataset.</p> <p>Individual Trust meetings with NYCRIS representatives have taken place with resulting draft action plans.</p> <p>National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) has commissioned a piece of work looking at pathology systems and the ability for pathology systems to capture pathology MDS. Working with the Royal College on the MDS.</p> <p>To investigate the potential of using Pathosys or MIQUEST functionality across the Network.</p>	P Melling/ C Brook	Review Next Meeting (16/09/2009)
18	<p>To contact Dr R Patmore, Chair of YCN & HYCCN Group regarding process for access to haematology datasets.</p>	A Gledhill	On-going

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11. YCRN Strategic Group Update			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
19	<p>S Lane fed back from the recent YCRN Strategic Group meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place on block taking for clinical research trials and the impact on pathology departments especially since there is a drive to increase trial accrual in every trust across the YCN.</p> <p>To forward a questionnaire to H Ryan for circulation to each trust to assess the impact of clinical trial recruitment on pathology departments.</p>	A Gledhill/ H Ryan	June 2009
12. Vice Chair			
Log No	Action	Lead(s)	Deadline
20	<p>Dr A Cairns was nominated and elected as Vice Chair of the Group.</p> <p>To update the YCN database.</p>	H Ryan	May 2009
13. Any Other Business			
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21	<p>•Dr P Gudgeon</p> <p>It was highlighted that Dr P Gudgeon was retiring at the end of May. The group thanked Dr Gudgeon for her work on the breast locality group.</p> <p>To send letter of thanks to P Gudgeon from the group.</p>	A Gledhill	May 2009
22	<p>•Updated Endometrial Figo Classification</p> <p>Papers circulated to the group by A Andrew to highlight the updated staging system.</p> <p>Agreed as Network to continue to use the old classification for data sets until the new classification is mapped.</p> <p>To notify the group when mapping is complete.</p>	P Melling	On-going
23	<p>•Educational Meeting</p> <p>An educational meeting will take place in November/ December 2009, joint with EQA, at Bexley Wing, SJUH.</p> <p>Ideas for the programme to A Gledhill.</p>	All	Review Next Meeting (16/09/2009)
24	<p>•Venue for Meetings</p> <p>Group discussed whether the venue should alternate between Trusts.</p> <p>To look into availability of a meeting room at Mid Yorkshire for the next meeting and feedback to A Gledhill.</p>	A Anathannam	May 2009

Date of Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 16th September 2009 9:30am
MDT Suite, Pathology Department, Dewsbury and District Hospital