

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK
Primary Care Group
Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd March 2004
Conference Suite, Arthington House

Present:	Dr G Haslam (Chair)	Airedale PCT
	Dr I Fenwick	Bradford City PCT
	Dr S Wood	Bradford South & West PCT
	Dr D Wild	Calderdale PCT
	Dr A Jones	Craven & Harrogate Rural District PCT
	Dr A Jack	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr A O'Shaughnessy	North Bradford PCT
	Dr P Selby	North West Leeds PCT
	Dr B Markham	Selby and York PCT
	Ms C Ferguson	Service Improvement Team
	Miss L Carroll	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies/Welcome

Prof. M Baker, Ms C Lane, Dr M Mossad, Dr J Sullivan, Mr B Tinkler, Dr C Turner and Dr M Williamson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Implementation of Minimum Cancer Data Set

Dr Markham updated the group on the Wirral Primary Care dataset and explained that this was a subset of the national cancer dataset. He explained that Kerry Thomas from Gold Standards was looking to integrate the Gold Standards Framework within this data set. It was highlighted that this soft ware was very user friendly however it was not going to be available other practices until a nationwide evaluation project had been completed.

Dr Haslam explained that future plans for a national electronic patient records meant that it was possible that local systems would be merged in 2-5 years.

YCRN Primary Care Research

Dr Haslam reminded the group that support was available for research in primary care and that we should consider the possibility of a YCN Primary Care Trial being developed by a sub group 2005.

4. Report from PCCLs on attendance at site specific subgroups NDP & other meetings

- Dr Selby announced that the YCN was holding an Upper GI Educational Event on 20th May at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground.

Dr Selby highlighted that the Upper GI sub group were looking at the patient pathway, improving services and referral pathways. Dr Selby said that this group was currently looking at the surgical element of the pathway however she had confirmed that she would become involved in this sub group when they covered the Primary Care aspect.

- Dr Wild updated a group on the Thoracic meeting had attended on the 23rd February. He said that they were trying to get some monitoring done locally on palliative care chemotherapy in lung cancer patients. He highlighted that they were very keen on the two week wait and referral to treatment targets however no monitoring was being carried out on the quality of life aspect.

Dr O'Shaughnessy informed the group that he was carrying out work on one of the new psychostatic agents and was looking at literature on improving the quality of life and CLC and highlighted that this work would be available in a few months time.

Dr Wild highlighted that as Lung Cancer was part of the collaborative the Thoracic group had begun to look at the patient pathways. Dr Wild prompted a discussion on his concerns that the patient pathway was not complete for lung cancer since it only started at diagnosis and did not include bronchoscopy and radiology pathways.

Dr Wild explained that they were also trying to speed up the referral of getting an abnormal x-ray to the clinician. He said that he had noticed that on the chest x-ray reports that they were now receiving the date of referral and date of report.

Dr O'Shaughnessy volunteered to attend a Thoracic meeting to talk to the group about quality of life issues in advanced lung cancer.

ACTION: Dr Wild to approach Dr M Snee, Chair of the YCN Thoracic group if Dr O'Shaughnessy is able to present at one of their meetings

- Dr Fenwick said that due to the days and times he had been unable to attend the GU meetings.

Dr Fenwick said that he had attended the local Urology meetings and reported that Bradford were taking on the West West Yorkshire Urology work however he felt that these meetings were not been as productive and constructive as they could have been.

- Dr Jones informed the group that she attended the Breast Care meetings and reported that the YCN were holding a half day Breast Cancer Educational event on Thursday 22nd April 2004 at Pavilions of Harrogate. She reported that they had discussed the implementation of the new follow-up guidelines and they had possibility of having more nurse led clinics.

Dr Jones said that it was her understanding that no further progress had been made with the family history referral clinics.

- Dr Wood reported that she had not attended the recent Colorectal meetings.
- Dr Haslam updated the group on the YCN reorganisation of Gynaecological oncology. The plan for centralisation of gynaecology in Leeds was now agreed by all parties and Harrogate were now operating an out reach model with a visiting consultant from Leeds. She explained that York was planning to transfer their work shortly and Bradford and Airedale were planning to transfer their work the following year. Dr Haslam reported that Ms Stephenson had taken the lead on much of the pathway work that had been carried out however she highlighted that the District General Hospital part of the pathway (investigation and transfer of patients) was the responsibility of individual DGH.

Dr Haslam had also facilitated the National development programme Primary Care forums. At the last forum they had discussed progress on development of a Network Primary Care strategy or 'workplan' and Mike Richards joined PCCLs to discuss the development of a national enhanced service for cancer within GMS. Stopping or changing follow up to primary care was also discussed.

Dr Selby said that the YCN Palliative Care Event that took place on Tuesday 3rd February was very interesting. She reported that the Palliative Care Symptom management booklets were now available for collection.

Dr Haslam circulated the YCN meetings schedule for 2004. It was agreed that members of the Primary care group should continue to attend site-specific group meetings and for representatives from specific groups such as Urology, Colorectal and Thoracic to be invited to attend the Primary Care meetings to facilitate a more detailed discussion on primary-secondary interface issues.

ACTION: Dr Haslam to organise representation from Urology, Colorectal and Thoracic to attend the Primary Care Group.

5. YCN Primary Care Strategy draft 4 – Tabled

Dr Selby did a presentation on the Primary Care Strategy and highlighted the amendments that had been made.

Dr Haslam said that this strategy would be circulated for comments.

6. Minimal oncological conditions in haematology

Dr Andrew Jack, Consultant Histopathologist, University of Leeds and Mr Andrew Rawstron, Principal Clinical Scientist, Leeds General Infirmary gave a presentation to the group on 'Haematological malignancy: minimal disease states (Please see supporting paper).

Dr Wild highlighted that he felt it was very important that the User Partnership was involved in the planning stages.

Dr Jack explained that they would try to provide as much information to the patient as they could and would try to provide a helpline/website and also produce literature so the patient was aware why this service was taking place. He also highlighted that the patient questionnaire would be very simple and available in any language.

The group supported the proposed model of care providing that it was clear to all who was responsible for care at each step in the pathway.

Mr Rawstron highlighted that the next steps were to develop a protocol before piloting it in a specific area.

Drs Selby and Markham volunteered to assist in the preparation of a protocol for community monitoring.

Leeds Cancer Centre

It was confirmed that all PCCLs and PCTs were now aware of the apportioned costs of the new centre.

Dr Selby informed the group that there was a User Partnership meeting taking place on 13th March for users and careers to have the opportunity to give feedback on the cancer services within Leeds.

ACTION: Dr Selby to circulate summary of the next Cancer Centre update meeting that she attends.

7. YCN PCCL survey – Dr G Haslam

Dr Haslam informed that group that she was going to be circulating a questionnaire to identify if there were any support needs and share good practices and said that she would be very grateful if people could find the time to complete this.

8. Any other business

None.

9. Date & timings of meetings 2004

****Please note change of time****

Tuesday 8th June 2004, 2.00pm, Conference Suite, Arthington House

Tuesday 14th September 2004, 2.00pm, Conference Suite, Arthington House

Tuesday 30th November 2004, 2.00pm, Conference Suite, Arthington House

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