

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Imaging Services Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 9th November 2005, 3.00pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr Sean Blake	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr B Carey (Chair) Dr S Swift	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr R Mannion	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms H Ryan Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms D Stephenson	West Yorkshire SHA

1. Apologies for absence

Professor M Baker, Ms D Beresford, Dr S Carradine, Dr S Gurney, Dr C Kay, Dr J Spencer and Dr N Spencer.

2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

- **Imaging Guidelines**

Dr Carey explained that the Royal College of Radiologists site specific imaging guidelines will be ratified on 18th November and published in the New Year. The group agreed to cross reference the Network site specific imaging guidelines with the Royal College guidelines once they have been published and revise the Network guidelines if necessary.

Mr Tinkler informed the group that he, Mark Baker and Sean Duffy, newly appointed YCN Medical Director, met with representatives from the Independent Sector on 4th November to address on how to take forward joint issues of treatment and diagnosis of NHS patients. Discussion was initiated on engagement and agreement of pathways and guidelines.

It was agreed that representatives from the independent sector would be invited to join the YCN Chemotherapy Development Group and review other Network groups over the next 12 months.

4. Peer Review Feedback

Mr Tinkler informed the group of the verbal feedback received by the Network Lead Team from the Peer Reviewers following the Network Peer Review Visit on 20th and 21st October.

The draft Peer Review report for the YCN was received on 7th November. Relevant sections of the draft report will be circulated for factual accuracy to those involved in the Network Peer Review visit. A final report will be published in April and the Network will produce an action plan.

Dr Carey thanked Dr Swift and Dr Kay for representing the Imaging Group at the Network Peer Review visit.

5. Policy for the Rapid Notification of an Unsuspected Imaging Diagnosis of Cancer

Dr Carey reminded the group that the draft policy had been circulated and ad-hoc comments were received.

Following discussion, the group agreed that the policy would be a Network document and localities would implement depending on local circumstances.

Action: Dr Blake to forward a copy of the Airedale policy to Dr Carey.

Dr Carey to amend policy in light of the comments received and re-circulate for final comment and adopt as a Network document.

6. PET Scanning Update

Mr Tinkler highlighted that PET scanning for West Yorkshire SHA and North and East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire SHA has been incorporated into the independent sector proposals.

Nationally a procurement exercise is about to take place. A team at the Department of Health are going to negotiate contracts for independent sector PET scanning. Discussions are taking place locally with Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust about an interim solution for a mobile which will feed into the national procurement exercise.

Mr Tinkler explained that discussions are ongoing regarding the super structure requirements of the PET scanner rooms in the new oncology wing.

Mr Tinkler confirmed that Hull has increased their mobile PET scanning service from fortnightly to weekly. A proposal will be submitted to the Thoracic Group to carry out a 3 month audit on PET scanner usage.

7. Picture Archiving and Communications (PACs)

Ms Dawn Stephenson highlighted that the contract change notice was signed during September to be able to supply PACs to 30 organisations across the two clusters including Bradford, Leeds and Mid Yorkshire. Ms Stephenson explained the terms of the contract to the group.

Ms Stephenson informed the group of the timetable for implementation for PACs for West and North Yorkshire:

West Yorkshire

NPfIT PACs

Mid Yorkshire	July 2006
Leeds	February 2007
Bradford	March 2007

Non-NPfit PACs

Calderdale & Huddersfield	Summer 2006
Rolling out existing GE system	

North Yorkshire

NPfIT PACs

Hull	October 2006
Harrogate	March 2007
Scarborough	February 2007

NB: Dates are indicative, as the plan has not yet been approved.

Any Other Business

- **Meeting Time**

There was concern that lack of attendance was due to the new meeting start time of 3.00pm. It was agreed to remain with the 3.00pm start for the next meeting and then assess if the meeting time should be changed back to early evening.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd May 2006, 3.00pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital