

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK
Meeting to discuss proposed
YCN Sarcoma Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 10th May 2006, 2.00pm
YCRN Conference Room 1, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr P DaCosta	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr S Ankarath	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Ms L Booth Ms P Middlebrook	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Professor M Baker Ms D Beirne Mr D Fox Mrs L Hopcroft Mr K Horgan Ms S Morgan Mr H Peach Sister C Robb Dr P Robinson Dr D Stark Mr R Turner	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr A Edwards	Wheatfields Hospice
	Dr D King	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr M Child Mr B Tinkler (Chair) Mrs C Ferguson Mrs H Ryan	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms N Thornton	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mr Tinkler, YCN Lead Manager welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made by those present.

Apologies were received from Dr B Carey, Dr I Lewis, Mr R Longbottom, Dr C Kay and Ms K Oddy and Mr D Russell.

2. Outline & purpose of the meeting

Mr Tinkler explained that the objective of the meeting is to agree the establishment of a Sarcoma Network Site Specific Group (NSSG) responsible for implementation of the Improving Outcomes Guidance and to address the roles and responsibilities of the group.

3. Presentation on current Sarcoma Service in Leeds

Mr Horgan gave a presentation regarding the Leeds Regional Soft Tissue Sarcoma Service. Presentation attached with the minutes.

4. NICE Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG) for Sarcoma

Mr Tinkler gave a presentation to the group on the YCN Sarcoma Network Site Specific Group and NICE Guidance on Cancer Services Improving Outcomes for People with Sarcoma. Presentation attached with the minutes.

5. Terms of Reference & membership (enclosed with the agenda)

There was an in-depth discussion about the role of the proposed NSSG and scope to include bone as well as soft tissue sarcoma. While there was not a universally held view to meet the scope of IOG, the NSSG will need to include discussion and approach for patient referral and treatment to the bone specialist MDT at Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.

Views were expressed about the need for developing an MDT to discuss the care of bone sarcoma patients once assessed by the specialist bone sarcoma MDT.

The group discussed the proposed terms of reference and membership. It was noted that the membership should also include AHP's for rehabilitation services (specialist physiotherapists), cytogenetics service, dermatology and specialist commissioning. There should also be a link to service managers.

It was agreed that the group would meet 3 times a year in the first instance.

Action: Membership and terms of reference to be amended in light of discussion.

6. Sarcoma referrals to Trusts

NYCRIS sarcoma referral data was circulated to the group with the agenda for information.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 17th January 2006, 2.00pm
at YCRN Conference Suite 1, Cookridge Hospital**