

Yorkshire Cancer Network

Skin Cancer Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 24th February 2004, 2.00pm
Arthington House Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr J O'Dowd	Airedale NHS Trust
	Ms C Wheelhouse	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms J Smith Dr M Cheesbrough	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Dr A Boon Dr W Merchant (Chair) Dr P Patel Mr H Peach Dr G Stables Ms J Sugden	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr G Ford Dr E Potts	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Miss H Lamb Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Apologies for absence

Professor M Baker, Ms D Beirne, Dr H Galvin, Ms Z Marshall, Dr T Maraveyas, Mr P Melling, Professor J Newton-Bishop, Mr M Timmons and Dr A Wight.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

Dr Merchant asked the group to make a note of the date change for the June meeting. The meeting would now take place on **Tuesday 29th June 2004.**

3. Matters arising

• NHS National Cancer Data Project

An article from the British Journal of Dermatology regarding 'Dermatological Aspects of the NHS National Cancer Data Project' was circulated to the group with the agenda.

A discussion followed regarding the vast amount of data collection required for all skin cancers including BCC's and MDT Co-ordinators to support MDT meetings.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that roll-out of the NHS National Cancer Data Project is through the National Clinical Audit Support Programme (NCASP). Most of the data will already be available to populate the database and then a process is required to prospectively collect the information leading up to the MDT meeting.

A group discussion followed regarding how GP's with a special interest fit into this project. Mr Tinkler agreed to raise issue with YCN Primary Care Group.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that once there is clarity on the content of the database; it would be beneficial to at look the whole patient pathway throughout the system.

Mr Tinkler suggested inviting a representative from the national centre to present and answer questions when timescales are known.

Action: Mr Tinkler to raise issue with YCN Primary Care Group.

- **BCC/SCC Pathology Minimum Dataset**

Dr Merchant tabled a questionnaire regarding 'The Clinical Use of Minimum Datasets in the Reporting of Basal Cell Carcinoma and Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Skin'.

Dr Merchant asked the group to circulate the questionnaire to pathologists at individual units to audit if the dataset is producing the clinical data required.

**Action: All to circulate questionnaire to pathologists and return to Dr Merchant.
Dr Merchant to re-email BCC/ SCC Pathology Minimum Dataset to group.**

- **SCC Audit**

Dr Stables informed the group that the audit proforma and letter had been circulated to Skin Cancer Lead Clinicians across the Network. Forms are to be returned by April 2004.

Dr Stables will present the SCC Audit results to Regional Audit Group in November.

- **Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer in Post-transplant Patients**

Dr Stables tabled a programme for a 'Skin Cancer in Organ Transplantation: A Multidisciplinary Meeting to Develop Local/ Regional Guidelines' on Friday 2nd April 2004, 2.30pm at Kaberry Lecture Theatre, Leeds General Infirmary.

Action: Dr Stables to update the group of outcome at June meeting.

- **Patient Information Leaflets/ Educational CD ROM**

Dr Patel confirmed that progress with the CDROM and leaflets are going well.

Dr Patel tabled a set of test CD-ROM's to the group. The CD-ROM will be sent to a professional company for editing and then onto CancerBacup. The CD's will be circulated to various groups for discussion.

Dr Patel highlighted that once the CD-ROM has been finalised it would be placed on the CancerBacup and YCN websites.

- **Primary Care Representative**

Mr Tinkler highlighted that there has not been any volunteers from the Yorkshire Cancer Network Primary Care Group. Mr Tinkler suggesting asking the Cancer Leads if membership could be opened up to include GP's with special interest in dermatology (GPwSI)

Action: Mr Tinkler to ask Cancer Leads if membership could be opened up to include GPwSI.

4. Peer Review Update

Mr Tinkler highlighted that nationally the Peer Review process held over the next 3 years across England. The programme will be carried in five sub-national zones; the Yorkshire Cancer Network is part of the Northern Zone (including the North Trent, Humber and Yorkshire Coast, Cancer Care Alliance and Northern Cancer Networks). Each zone has a Lead Clinician, Medical Director and a Quality Manager.

The cancer standards are currently being re-appraised; there will be a minimum lead time of six months between publication of the standards and Peer Review.

Mr Tinkler explained that the YCN has undertaken an interest to be Peer Reviewed in 2005.

Mr Tinkler confirmed that the Network will hold a series of Network wide Peer Review meetings once more information has been received.

5. Cancer Waiting Times

Update at next meeting when Mr Philip Melling, YCN Information Manager is present.

6. Pursing Perfection

A paper regarding 'Pursing Perfection' was tabled for information on behalf of Ms Zoe Marshall, Project Manager, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

7. Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsies

Mr Peach gave a detailed account of the value of sentinel node biopsies in melanomas. He is currently setting up a new service based at St James's University Hospital, however this is at the developmental stage. Anyone who requires more advice should contact Mr Peach.

8. Any Other Business

- **Skin Cancer Awareness Week**

It was noted that Skin Cancer Awareness week commences on 10th May 2004.

- **LDH Levels**

Dr Ford asked Dr Patel about the value of taking LDH levels of patients referred to St James's University Hospital. Dr Patel explained the reason for this.

- **Skin Cancer Trials**

Dr Patel highlighted that the Ganglioside Trial is going very well. The YCN is one of the highest recruiters in the UK, uptake is approximately 60%.

Dr Patel explained the 'Heatshock Protein' trials to the group.

9. Date of Next Meeting

**Tuesday 29th June 2004, 2.00pm
at Arthington House Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital.**