

Yorkshire Cancer Network

Skin Cancer Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 18th October 2005, 2.00pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr S Al-Ghazal Ms J Greenwood Ms C Wheelhouse Dr A Wright	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr M Marples Dr W Merchant (Chair) Mr H Peach Dr G Stables Ms J Sugden Dr C Yeoh	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr G Ford Dr E Potts	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Mrs H Ryan	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms L Cooper	Yorkshire Cancer Network Service Improvement Team

1. Apologies for absence

Dr A Boon, Professor M Baker, Ms D Beirne, Dr K London, Mr P Melling, Professor Newton-Bishop, Dr G Slack and Mr B Tinkler.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. NICE Guidance

Dr Merchant highlighted that the consultation on the final draft of the NICE Service Guidance for Skin Tumours including Melanoma was 26 July – 6 September. The final version is expected in January 2006.

There was an in-depth group discussion regarding patient pathways, the population base of local and specialist MDT's, the function and resource implications of MDT's and the integration of MDT members. It has been proposed that the specialist MDTs would serve a population of 750, 00 and Local MDTs would serve a population of around 200,000. It was noted that there was a great gap in what was necessary to run these as per draft guideline, e.g. only one CNS in region.

Ms Cooper suggested for the group to complete a gap analysis against the requirements of the guidance and carry out patient pathway work with the YCN Service Improvement Facilitators.

Dr Merchant explained that the guidance states a Network should be able to supply Moh's surgery. Dr Stables explained that Leeds is providing a regional and local Moh's surgical services. Moh's surgery is increasing in the Network, about a third of cases are coming from outside Leeds. There is a strong case to be made for increased funding for Moh's surgery.

The group agreed to invite Professor Baker to the next meeting to discuss the resource implications of the guidance.

5. Sentinel Node Biopsy Update

An abstract regarding Sentinel Node Biopsy for Early Stage Melanoma: Accuracy and Morbidity in MSLT-1, an International Multicenter Trial was circulated with the agenda.

Mr Peach tabled a paper of the MSLT-1 summary 3rd interim analysis: *Annals of Surgery* 242 (3) p302-313 2005 and explained the findings to the group (*n.b MSLT-1 paper can be found in the September edition of the Journal of Surgical Oncology*).

Mr Peach informed the group that the Leeds sentinel node biopsy service is ready to start and would consider patients that came through for sentinel node biopsy. Patients would initially be entered into the EORTC trial set up by Professor Newton-Bishop.

Mr Peach referred to the reference for the pathology assessment of sentinel node.

6. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling circulated to the group with the agenda the latest skin cancer waiting times information for the last quarter of 2004/05 and the first quarter 2005/06. The group discussed the data.

7. YCN Cancer Event Server

A paper from Mr Melling describing the Yorkshire Cancer Network Cancer Event Server was circulated with the agenda for information. It was noted that the server is currently in the final stages of development, a 3 months period of testing will start shortly. Work is continuing to agree the phased introduction across Trusts within the Network. It is anticipated that a launch event will be held by the Network in December.

Any queries regarding the cancer event server should be directed to Philip Melling, Information Manager, YCN (philip.melling@leedsth.nhs.uk).

8. Clinical Trials Update

Ms Sugden tabled two papers of the current Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust melanoma trials portfolio and a trials list.

Dr Maria Marples, Consultant Medical Oncologist at Leeds (Dr P Patel's replacement) introduced herself to the group.

9. Vitamin D and Skin Cancer

Dr Merchant circulated to the group for interest an article from the *BMJ* 2005, 331:3-4 (2 July) 'Do white British children and adolescents get enough sunlight?'. The group discussed the article.

10. Any Other Business

- **Cancer Services Improvement Partnership Leaflet**

Dr Merchant referred to a 'Changing Times' leaflet from the Cancer Services Collaborative Improvement Partnership and agreed to circulate it to the group.

Action: Dr Merchant to circulate leaflet to the group.

- **Vice Chair**

Dr Andrew Wright volunteered to take on the role of Vice Chair of the group. The group supported Dr Wright and it was agreed that he would take over as Chair of the group at the June meeting.

11. Date of 2006 Meetings

All to take place at 2.00pm at Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Tuesday 21st February*

Tuesday 20th June

Tuesday 10th October

**Would all members please try to attend to discuss the final NICE Guidelines.*