

Present:

Mrs C Wheelhouse	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Ms S Veater	Doncaster Royal Infirmary
Ms M Brown	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms D Preston	
Ms R Mellows	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Mrs J Toovey	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies

Ms A Brier, Ms L Green, Ms L Horton

1. Welcome and Introductions

June Toovey welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted as an accurate record

June Toovey informed the group that work from the last meeting had not been discussed at the NSSG due to other pressing items around implementation of the IOG.

3. Specialist/advanced skin cancer nurse input into the patient pathway

Following discussion it was agreed that the table in the notes of the last meeting was a good reflection of the potential roles of specialist and advanced practice nursing in skin cancer.

4. Models of working for specialist/advanced skin cancer nursing

Discussions took place about the different models of service currently being delivered across the network for dermatology and skin cancer and it was decided that agreement of the patient pathways and service configuration was required before work on nursing models could be undertaken. The identified potential role for specialist/advanced nursing roles would feed into that work as it progresses through the NSSG.

5. Education and development requirements of specialist/advanced skin cancer nurses

Catherine Wheelhouse informed the group of the national work being started by the British Association of Skin Cancer Nurses around the education needs of CNSs in skin cancer and the local work of a module being developed at Bradford University. It was agreed to feed into and await information from the national work and use that to inform local development.

Several members of the group would be part of the national work and would be able to feed information back to the network

6. Next steps

It was agreed that the group had undertaken the work as agreed at the NSSG and that would be fed back into the work of the group by the CNSs who were part of the group.

- Discussions took place about
- Peer review measures for skin cancer
- Improving outcomes guidance for skin cancer
- Nursing and Midwifery Council advanced practice competencies
- How services may be commissioned in the future and how to ensure that patients' needs for information, supportive care and education would be identified and taken into account as services are commissioned. It was agreed that the commissioning of services would be based on the patients' pathways of care and the needs of patients along the

pathway.

- The potential impact of the above on the CNS role.

Catherine Wheelhouse informed the group of the work around patient pathways she was beginning to do as Service Improvement lead for the Network Skin Site Specific Group. It was agreed to build on this work and identify patient support and information needs at the specific points in the patient pathway.

Agreement was reached that this could be achieved by holding an Information and supportive care pathway workshop for professionals and patients. It was also agreed that work in advance of the workshop would be useful as follows:

- A working group to coordinate and run the workshop and that this could be done across the networks present.
- To produce a very draft pathway of support and information needs in advance of the workshop to have something to work with.

The group members present agreed to be part of the work and discussion took place about other people who would need to be part of the work.

- Catherine Wheelhouse to circulate via June to the working group the pathway work she has already undertaken as NSSG service improvement lead.
- Members of the working group to add on to the pathway their thoughts on the patients' information and support needs along the pathway
- Catherine Wheelhouse to take the pathway to the skin patient group at Bradford for their input
- Dawn Preston agreed to collate the information onto the pathway
- To hold a planning meeting for the workshop in January 2008.

June Toovey thanked the group for the work they had done.

- Action:**
- Any one interested in being part of the working group to contact June Toovey**
 - Catherine Wheelhouse to forward the pathway to June Toovey and Colinne Sheard**
 - June Toovey / Colinne Sheard to forward to members of the working group for the addition of the information and support needs**
 - Catherine to take to the Bradford skin cancer user group for their input into identifying the information and support needs**
 - All the information and support pathways to be sent to Dawn Preston by the end of November to be collated into one pathway and circulated back to the working group ready for the workshop planning meeting in January**
 - June Toovey to organise the workshop planning meeting for early January**

7. Date of Next Meeting(s)

It was agreed that this group did not need to meet again at present.