

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Thoracic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004, 3.00pm  
Arthington House Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

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Present:	Mr B Jacob Ms T Lightowler	Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr R Heaton	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Dr D Wild	Calderdale PCT
	Dr M Muers Dr M Snee (Chair) Mr J White	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr D Currie (Vice Chair) Dr C Wong	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Dr A Hunter Dr D Jackson	York Health Services NHS Trust
	Miss H Lamb Mr P Melling Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Mr C Button Ms M Tetlow	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

### 1. Apologies

Professor M Baker, Dr S Cheeseman, Dr H Hosker and Dr R Taylor.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record.

### 3. Matters arising

#### • Nurse Led Follow-up

Mr White, Chair of YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group gave a presentation on the 'Proposed Protocol for Clinical Nurse Specialist Follow-up of Patients with Lung Cancer'.

A group discussion followed regarding the number of patients followed up and the impact on CNS's workload, patient choice and consent, local flexibility and follow up for radical treatment.

Mr White highlighted that the protocol has been discussed by the YCN User Group and a 'Time-out' meeting would take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the format of the assessment tools.

**Action: YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group to continue with Nurse Led Follow-up work**

**Mr White to amend protocol in light of discussion.**

**YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group to work with Clinicians on assessment tools after the Time out day on 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

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#### **4. MDT Cancer Data Review**

Data from Bradford, York and Calderdale & Huddersfield Lung MDT's were presented and discussed by the group.

Dr Wild raised the issue of measuring the outcomes of Palliative Chemotherapy Treatment of Patients and the how best to engage palliative care services for these patients.

#### **5. LUCADA**

Mr Melling confirmed that the YCN has been accepted as an early adopter for LUCADA. The database went live at the beginning of February and it is expected that Trusts are participating as required.

It was noted that Dr M Peake would like to meet with the group again discuss LUCADA.

**Action: Mr Melling to invite Dr Peake to June meeting.**

**Mr Melling to present LUCADA results at next meeting.**

#### **6. Waiting Times**

Mr Melling presented to the group the following lung cancer waiting times targets for the first and second quarter of 2003/04 which had been submitted to the Cancer Waiting Times Database by Trusts in the Network:

- urgent referral to first seen (2 weeks)
- diagnosis\* to treatment (31 days)
- urgent GP referral to treatment (62 days)

\* defined as decision to treat

An in-depth group discussion followed regarding definitions of the targets and ascertainment.

Mr Melling highlighted that as a Network the YCN are doing well. The next quarter of data will be presented at the next meeting.

**Action: Miss Lamb to circulate hard copy of waiting times with the minutes.**

**Mr Melling to present further data at next meeting.**

#### **7. Peer Review Update**

Mr Tinkler highlighted that it there will be a Peer Review process held over the next 3 years across England. The programme will be carried out in five sub-national zones, the Yorkshire Cancer Network is part of the Northern Zone (including North Trent, Humber and Yorkshire Coast, Cancer Care Alliance and Northern Cancer Network). Each Zone has a Quality Director Manager and Lead Clinician to co-ordinate Peer Review across the 5 Networks.

The draft standards are due to be circulated for a period of consultation, and to be finalised at the end of March. There will be a minimum lead time of six months between the publication of the standards and the start of Peer Review. As the NICE Lung Cancer Guidance is due in November the Manual of Cancer Standards for Lung Cancer will probably be in the second phase of Peer Review.

The first consultation of the draft NICE Guidance should take place between 5<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Mr Tinkler confirmed that the YCN has asked to be peer reviewed in late 2005. The Peer Reviewers will be nominated by networks and undergo a training programme.

A discussion followed regarding video conferencing for multi-site MDT's.

## **8. YCRN Update**

Ms Tetlow gave a presentation to the group regarding the 'Lung Cancer Portfolio: Problems and Solutions' (presentation attached).

It was noted that a series of discussion forums would be established across the Network with Dr M Seymour to discuss moving ahead and planning. The First meeting would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Ms Tetlow confirmed that recruitment for lung cancer is increasing.

## **9. Any Other Business**

None.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2004, 3.00pm  
in the Blue Room, Pinderfields General Hospital**