

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Thoracic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2004, 3.00pm  
Blue Room, Pinderfields General Hospital

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Present:	Dr H Hosker	Airedale General Hospital
	Mr B Jacob	Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr R Heaton	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Mrs N Bell	Harrogate Health Care NHS Trust
	Dr M Muers	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr M Snee (Chair)	
	Mr M Waugh	
	Ms R Stanley	LUCADA National Team
	Dr D Currie (Vice Chair)	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Miss H Lamb	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Mr P Melling	
	Mr B Tinkler	

### 1. Apologies

Professor M Baker, Dr M Bond, Dr S Cheeseman, Dr A Fennerty, Mrs K Henderson, Dr A Hunter, Dr D Jackson, Dr R Taylor, Ms M Tetlow, Mr J White, Dr D Wild and Dr C Wong.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record.

### 3. Matters arising

#### • Nurse Led Follow-up

Ms Bell informed the group that work has continued on the nurse led follow-up protocol and assessment tools. A patient information leaflet has also been written with input from the YCN User Group.

Ms Bell highlighted that the CNS's hope to pilot the nurse-led follow-up work in September.

### 4. Action Plan

Mr Tinkler reminded the group that PCT's produced Local Deliver Plans (LDP's) containing a cancer chapter. One of the cancer targets was to meet the Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG). When the LDP's were submitted at the end of 2003 financial year the National Cancer Action Team across England were concerned that the PCT's were not showing evidence to support the IOG.

Consequently, the Department of Health Performance Team requested an update on IOG for breast, colorectal, gynaecology, lung, upper GI and urological cancers to ensure each PCT supports their delivery.

Networks have been asked to complete the action plans on behalf of the PCT's.

Mr Tinkler explained that the draft YCN Lung Cancer Action Plan was circulated to the group prior to the meeting for comment by 25<sup>th</sup> June to allow submission to the Department of Health by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 and subsequent monitoring.

Mr Tinkler explained that the main issue for the group is the delivery and timing of thoracic surgery which is dependent on the Leeds Cancer Centre developments.

A discussion followed regarding the action plan.

Dr Muers highlighted that Leeds has three MDT's, two meet at the Leeds General Infirmary and one at St James's.

Mr Muers explained that there are Guidelines for the Management of Lung Cancer based on the East Riding Cancer Services Alliance document, which should be included in the action plan.

Mr Tinkler agreed to add PET scanning to the 'actions' section of the action plan.

Dr Muers highlighted that it is important to explain the location of adult specialist palliative care as there is in-patient services throughout the Network not just at hospices. Mr Tinkler explained that the introduction identified the organisations in the network not the services.

**Action: Mr Tinkler to amend the action plan in light of the discussion.**

**All to forward any comments to Mr Tinkler by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2004.**

## **5. Waiting Times**

Mr Melling tabled information regarding lung cancer waiting times for urgent referral – first seen, decision to treat to treatment, urgent referral – treatment and referral –treatment for 2003/04, which had been supplied by each Trust to the National Waiting Times Database. The information also included reasons for the long delays.

Mr Melling explained the data to the group.

There was a discussion around ascertainment. Mr Melling highlighted that the data looks like the YCN are only collecting 50 % of expected lung cancer cases on the cancer waiting times database.

A discussion followed and Dr Jacob suggested inviting Dr Helena Berry, Cancer Services Data Manager from Bradford to the next meeting as Bradford have undertaken some detailed comparison of cancer waiting times data against NYCRIS provisional registration data.

**Action: Mr Melling to discuss audit data with Dr Berry.**

## **6. Peer Review**

Mr Tinkler informed the group that the Peer Review Quality Measures were expected in July.

The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the YCN site-specific group have been invited to a meeting in July or September. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Quality Measures, the responsibilities of Network Chairs and the Peer Review Programme process.

Mr Tinkler explained that the Yorkshire Cancer Network will be Peer Reviewed in September 2005.

## **7. Election of Vice Chair Person**

Dr Snee had come to the end of his tenure of Chair of the Thoracic Group, Dr Currie would take over as Chair at the next meeting.

Dr Snee highlighted that the group should elect a Vice Chair. Dr Snee proposed Mr K Papagiannopoulos as Vice Chair and he accepted.

## **8. LUCADA**

Roz Stanley, LUCADA Information Co-ordinator from the National Team was invited to the meeting to update the group on LUCADA.

Roz Stanley explained that the LUCADA early adopter phase is complete and it has generally been successful. She thanked the Network for their participation.

One or two oversights have been identified in the data set and IT system, which are currently being resolved.

A major piece of work is ongoing with the cancer registries looking at data validation.

Roz Stanley highlighted that a series of workshops to roll-out LUCADA nationally are being held at the beginning of June. It was confirmed that the pilot sites would continue with data entry into the National roll-out.

A discussion followed.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- **NICE Guidance**

Dr Snee informed the group that the first consultation of the NICE Improving Outcomes Guidance for Lung Cancer is available on the NICE website.

The group agreed to discuss the Guidance at the next meeting.

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2004, 3.00pm  
at Arthington House Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital.**