

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Thoracic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th May 2005, 3.00pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Ms J Harrison Dr H Hosker	Airedale NHS Trust
	Mr B Jacob Ms A Harwood	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Mr R Heaton	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Ms N Bell	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust & York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr M Bond Dr L Davidson Dr M Muers Mr J Thorpe Mr J White	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr D Currie (Chair)	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Mr P Melling Mrs H Ryan Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Dr A Hunter	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr C Button Ms M Tetlow	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Apologies

Professor M Baker, Mr K Papagiannopoulos, Dr M Snee, Dr R Taylor, Dr C Wong and Dr D Wild.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

- **Network administrative support letter from Mr Tinkler**

Dr Currie informed the group that work expected of the Network administrative staff is increasing, therefore all future minutes for the YCN Thoracic Group meetings will be truncated to comprise of a brief outline of each agenda item and agreed action(s) arising from discussions.

In addition, all agendas, minutes and supporting papers, wherever possible, will be sent electronically only. Hard copies will no longer be sent in the post.

4. Peer Review Planning

- **Final terms of reference, core membership and lead roles**

Dr Currie asked the group for any suggested changes to the terms of reference. No amendments were noted; the group agreed and accepted the document.

- **Guidelines Update**

The Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy Guidelines, Assessment of Curative Surgery for Lung Cancer Guidelines, Diagnosis, Staging & General Management of Lung Cancer Guidelines and Referral Guidelines were circulated to the group with the agenda for final comments.

An in-depth group discussion followed and amendments to each of the guidelines were noted. The group accepted all the guidelines with the relevant amendments.

Action: Dr Currie to inform Dr Cheeseman of amendments to the Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy Guidelines.

Dr Currie to amend the Surgical Guidelines and send final version to Mr Papagiannopoulos for checking.

Dr Muers to amend the Diagnosis, Staging and General Management Guidelines in light of the discussion.

Dr Currie to amend the Referral Guidelines in light of the discussion.

Dr Currie confirmed that since the last meeting he has signed off the Pathology Guidelines on behalf of the YCN Thoracic Group.

Dr Currie highlighted that the YCN Imaging Group are reviewing the Lung Cancer Imaging Guidelines. Dr Hilary Moss is currently updating the guidelines.

- **Service Improvement Lead**

Dr Hosker had written to Dr Currie formally accepting the role of Service Improvement Lead for the group.

Dr Hosker asked each unit to highlight areas where they are not going to meet the Quality Measures and of areas of good practice to allow Dr Hosker to produce a report listing priorities.

Action: Dr Hosker to write to the group formally for service improvement information.

Data and Audit Measures

Mr Melling had circulated for agreement the network-wide MDS. The agreed dataset currently consists of three sections – cancer waiting times, cancer registry and NCASP (LUCADA). The group accepted and agreed the network MDS.

Mr Melling informed members of a new project that is collaboration between NYCRIS and local cancer information teams. This is a detailed case matching exercise between cancer registry and cancer waiting times data to help improve data completeness and quality. First results were presented and areas of concern were highlighted. Unmatched patients and tumours have been returned to local teams for more detailed case note investigation. This work is continuing and the group will be kept informed on future developments.

It was agreed to annually review, as a group, audits carried out by the nurses and audits carried out locally.

Educational Event in autumn 2005

Dr Currie explained that the group will hold a joint educational event with the YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group. Ms Bell informed the group of the programme for the event which will take place on 18th November 2005 at the Royal Armouries, Leeds.

Action: Ms Ryan to circulate the finalised programme.

Work Programme 2005/06

A copy of the work programme for 2005/06 was circulated to the group with the agenda.

An in-depth group discussion followed regarding the service delivery plan section of the report. Mr Tinkler explained that he had discussions with Dr A Crellin regarding CHART. Mr Tinkler has asked the radiotherapy

department to produce an action plan to identify the capacity and demand issues and the compliance with NICE guidance.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that PET had been put forward to the West Yorkshire Specialist Commissioning Group, as PET is a new development and due to the financial situation the group declined to support the introduction of PET through specialist commissioning. Professor Baker has advised colleagues that if PET is clinically required access should be made to the services available nationally.

Mr Tinkler informed the group of the independent sector provision of diagnostic services, both West Yorkshire SHA and North and East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire SHA have put forward plans to include PET scanning.

It was agreed to include PET, CHART and access to radiotherapy in the service delivery plan.

Action: Mr Tinkler to amend service delivery plan in light of discussion.

5. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling explained that the late distribution of the data was due to the timing of the national report generation.

Mr Melling explained the data to the group which included data for each quarter of 2004/5 as well as the final year position for each of the 3 targets.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that the cancer waiting times information, dating back to January 2005, will be made public in June/ July 2005. The 31 and 62 day targets will become live from October 2005 (for those patients referred urgently) and in December 2005 (for those patients who are treated). The Health Care Commission will be using the achievement levels for assessment of each health organisation.

6. Feedback from LUCADA meeting at Bradford

Dr Currie and Mr Melling highlighted that all the units in the Yorkshire Cancer Network are actively participating in LUCADA. Mr Melling explained that the meeting highlighted the need for communication between the MDT Co-ordinators and the MDT and there are still issues associated with some of the definitions.

7. YCRN Clinical Trials Update and Single List of Trials

A draft summary of lung cancer trials for the group was tabled. Mr Button explained that Ms Tetlow has circulated the list of lung cancer clinical trials to the Research Nurses in the Units across the Network for comment. The Research Nurses, in conjunction with Ms Tetlow, are discussing and agreeing the list with their local MDTs.

Mr Button explained that non-NCRN academic trials and commercial industry studies need to be added to the list to make it as comprehensive as possible.

8. Thoracic Surgery Update

Mr Thorpe confirmed that prior to the New Oncology Wing, thoracic surgery would be centralised to ward 62 at St James's University Hospital to allow vascular surgery to move out of St James's University Hospital into ward 16 at Leeds General Infirmary. Discussions are ongoing to address how this would be achieved.

Mr Thorpe explained that the thoracic surgery from Bradford would merge with Leeds on 23rd May and ward 16 should open by the beginning of June.

Discussions are ongoing regarding referral pathways. It is planned to appoint a fourth consultant in due course, the group agreed to include this in the service delivery plan.

Ms Harwood highlighted that the first clinic for Mr Anakin at Bradford would be 26th May 2005.

9. Individual Trust Peer Review Progress

Each Trust gave an update on Peer Review progress associated with the locality Quality Measures.

10. Any Other Business

- **Mesothelioma Services in England**

Mr Tinkler tabled a letter from Dr M Peake and Dr J Maguire, Joint National Clinical Leads for Lung Cancer asking for each Network to appoint a lead clinician for Mesothelioma and a nurse lead. The role of these individuals would be one of the gathering of information in the first instance, plus being the route through which we can channel communication and receive feedback from the Networks on their views.

Later in the year they will be asking for information to be provided including the number of cases of mesothelioma cases by MDT, the location and nature of any local specialist expertise and to consider whether a Network wide or supra-regional specialist Mesothelioma MDT is feasible or desirable.

Mr Tinkler explained that names are required by 24th June. The group were very enthusiastic but agreed that further consideration was required at the next meeting in October.

Action: Dr Currie to respond to the joint National Clinical Leads for Lung Cancer on behalf of the group.

11. Date of Next Meeting

**Thursday 13th October 2005 at 3.00pm
Blue Room, Postgraduate Centre, Pinderfields General Hospital**