

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Thoracic Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006, 3.00pm  
Blue Room, Postgraduate Centre, Pinderfields General Hospital

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<b>Present:</b> Dr M Crawford	Airedale NHS Trust
Ms A Harwood	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Ms H Jones	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust
Dr M Muers Dr M Snee	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr D Currie (Chair)	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
Mr P Melling Mrs H Ryan Ms F Stephenson	Yorkshire Cancer Network
Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network
Ms J Love	York Hospitals NHS Trust

### 1. Apologies

Ms N Bell, Mr S Bolton, Dr M Bond, Dr S Cheeseman, Dr A Fennerty, Ms T Greatorex, Dr R Heaton, Dr A Hunter, Mr S Duffy, Mr B Tinkler and Dr D Wild.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Were agreed as being an accurate record.

### 3. Matters arising

#### • Mesothelioma – Data collection and clinical guidelines

Dr Muers informed the group that the British Thoracic Society (BTS) are currently updating guidelines containing evidence on the diagnosis and management of mesothelioma and agreed to circulate a draft copy for review at the next meeting.

The group agreed that they would support the routine collection of mesothelioma data within LUCADA.

**Action: Dr Muers to circulate pre-publication copy of revised British Thoracic Society mesothelioma guidelines for review at next meeting.**

**All to collect mesothelioma data as part of LUCADA.**

#### • Updated YCN Radiotherapy & Chemotherapy Guidelines for Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma

Following the last meeting Dr Cheeseman had updated the neoadjuvant and adjuvant sections of the network radiotherapy and chemotherapy guidelines and they were circulated to the group for comment. The group ratified the revised guidelines.

**Action: Mrs Ryan to update guidelines on YCN website.**

#### **4. Peer Review Update**

Dr Currie informed the group that an YCN Thoracic Group planning and priorities 2006/07 meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 to look at the outcomes of Peer Review, the key issues and to discuss the functioning of the Network group. The meeting was attended by Dr Currie (Chair), Mr Papagiannopoulos (Vice Chair), Ms Greatorex (User Involvement and Patient Information Lead), Ms Bell (deputy for Dr Fennerty, Service Improvement Lead) and members of the Network Lead Team.

An annual report for 2005/06 will be written and circulated to the group at the end of June. A work programme for 2006/07 will be drafted to include issues identified in the remedial action plan around PET, waiting times, surgical transfers to the New Oncology Wing and links with commissioning. This will also be circulated to the group by the end of July.

The group discussed audit projects for the coming year; projects include LUCADA, PET and care pathways.

**Action: Mr Tinkler to present an update on the new commissioning arrangements for the YCN at a future meeting.**

**Annual Report and Work programme to be drafted and circulated to the group.**

#### **5. User Involvement**

Dr Currie explained that there is currently a service user representative on the YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group who is also a member of the YCN User Partnership Group. The YCN Lung Cancer Nurses will facilitate User representation on Thoracic Group.

**Action: YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group to continue the development of patient involvement.**

#### **6. Thoracic Surgery SJUH Update**

Dr Currie informed the group that he met with Leeds Trust Managers, Mr Papagiannopoulos and Dr Davidson to discuss the thoracic surgical and histopathological delays. There was great enthusiasm at the meeting to resolve this issue however no data has been received.

The YCN Service Improvement Team under Dr Fennerty are completing an audit of the surgical pathway.

#### **7. Cancer Waiting Times**

Mr Melling presented to the group the latest cancer waiting times data.

A paper from Cookridge Radiotherapy Service on Performance against radiotherapy capacity plan was circulated with the agenda. It was noted that radiotherapy waiting times for radical treatment is 5 weeks and 9 weeks for routine.

#### **8. PET Update**

Dr Currie informed the group of the PET Scanning Group meeting which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006. The main purpose of the meeting was to agree indications for PET scanning for the network and prioritisation for limited numbers to be available in 2006/07.

Dr Currie tabled draft referral criteria for FDG-PET scans in patients with known or suspected lung cancer, a discussion followed and amendments were suggested by the group.

The group suggested carrying out an audit on PET scans and the impact on lung cancer service including patient experience.

**Action: Ms Ryan to circulate notes from PET scanning meeting and date of the next meeting to the group.**

**Referral criteria to be revised and circulated to the group.**

**YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group to discuss PET audit proposal at their next meeting.**

## 9. Service Improvement Study Day Update

A Lung Cancer Service Improvement Leads event took place on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital. The purpose of the workshop was to explore service improvement activity in the localities across the Network. Agreed service improvement work priorities include an audit of the surgical pathway, commissioning and provision of PET scanning, palliative care, CNS time, and histopathology turnaround time post surgery.

The disappointing attendance from doctors across the Network was noted, the workshop was predominantly attended by CNSs.

**Action: Mrs Ryan to circulate service improvement notes and presentations to the group.**

## 10. Yorkshire Cancer Research Network (YCRN) Update

Ms Sleight tabled an NCRN lung cancer trial recruitment update paper.

**Action: Mrs Sleight to amend full list of clinical trials to include non-NCRN trials.**

## 11. Feedback from YCN Lung Cancer Nurses Group

The group are currently finalising work on the lung cancer education package.

A Lung Cancer Patient Information Mapping Event will take place in August/ September to define a 'Network Lung Cancer Patient Information Protocol'. Jane Archer, YCN Patient Information and Support Manager is working with all NSSG's/ Network Nursing Groups to develop information protocols in line with agreed pathways, to implement and audit.

## 12. Any other business

- Mr Melling highlighted that the first draft report of the LUCADA group is now available on the LUCADA website.

**Action: Mr Melling to circulate latest LUCADA reports to the group.**

- Jo Love referred to the briefing released from Macmillan on the national risk to clinical nurse specialist posts.
- Dr Currie confirmed that Mr Papagiannopoulos would take over as Chair of the YCN Thoracic Group in the next month. Mr Heaton would take on the role of Vice Chair. The group thanked Mr Currie for his hard work and commitment as Chairman of the group.

## 13. Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 3.00pm  
at Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital**