

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Upper GI Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 26th April 2005, 6.00pm
Conference Suite, Arthington House, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr D Clements	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr R Calvert Mr J Gokhale Ms H Hey Dr C Kay (Chair)	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr J Dent Mr J Robinson	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Mr J Harrison	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Anthony Mr S Dexter Dr K Harris Sister K Smith Prof M Seymour	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr M Basheer Mr C White	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr W Wong	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Prof M Baker Miss L Carroll Mr P Melling Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler Mr D Thomson	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dr A Cairns, Sister P Chesser, Ms M Clough, Dr M Denyer, Mr B Dobbins, Ms J Hirst, Prof M McMahon, Dr Sebag-Montefiore and Dr P Selby.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

• Educational Event

Ms Stephenson explained that it had been decided that an Upper GI Referral Guidelines for Gastric, Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancers meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th June 2005 at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground instead of the educational event.

Ms Stephenson encouraged members to submit their registration forms for this meeting and noted that the programme will be circulated in due course.

4. Developments in Upper GI Services

- **West Yorkshire**

Dr Kay said Bradford will start to undertake interventional EUS for the West of West Yorkshire patch. The second Upper GI Radiology post will be advertised the following week and the second Histopathology post will be advertised shortly.

Dr Harris said that Leeds would like a second interventional EUS scope. It is anticipated that there will be 3 / 4 lists at Leeds and 2 / 3 lists in Bradford in the foreseeable future.

The proposal for Dr Turvill, Gastroenterologist at York to have a session at Leeds has not progressed. Mr Wong agreed to give feedback on this at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mr Wong to give feedback on the Dr Turvill having a session at Leeds

- **Central & North Yorkshire**

Mr Dexter reported that Leeds has appointed Mr Aldersley, Consultant Hepatologist who will take on Mr Breslin's two EUS lists. Dr Harris has emailed colleagues to make them aware of the disruption that may be caused whilst this transition takes place. It is uncertain if Mr Aldersley will attend the pancreatic MDT.

Prof Baker has expressed his concerns with LTHT about the absence of surgical representation at the YCN upper GI meetings. Mr Dexter has agreed to be the Gastro-oesophageal MDT Lead for the Leeds Cancer Centre and will attend the meetings in this capacity.

Prof Baker said LTHT need to begin discussions on the transfer of work noting that it is feasible for the transfer to be brought forward.

5. Nurse Specialists

Ms Hey reported that interviews will take place on Friday 6th May for the Bradford and Calderdale & Huddersfield CNS posts. Discussions regarding funding a post for Airedale are ongoing. Mr Tinkler informed members that Chrissie Lane, Dawn Gulliford and Doug Farrow are meeting to discuss this further.

Mr White noted that he felt Mid Yorkshire desperately needed a second Upper GI CNS.

Sister Smith reported that she and Noreen Hawkshaw see all patients that are referred into the Leeds centre.

6. Peer Review Update

Ms Stephenson ensured members had received the Draft Guidelines for the Management of Upper Gastro-intestinal Cancer. The Imaging guidelines and Primary Care Referral Guidelines are still to be included in these. The group agreed to formally adopt and sign off the guidelines at the meeting taking place on 15th June 2005. Ms Stephenson noted that implementation of these guidelines will also need to be audited.

Dr Clements noted that 3.1.6 of the guidelines states routine investigations for ECGs and felt that this should be amended. After an in-depth group discussion members agreed to include in the Work Programme – a review of cardio respiratory prior to oesophago-gastric

- **Network Clinical Guidelines & referral Pathways**

No further discussion took place.

- **Agreed List of Clinical Trials**

Mr C Button, YCRN Manager is going to send a letter out to each MDT for sign-off that will list all the trials running in the Network. This list will not necessarily include locally run non adopted trials and therefore Prof Seymour asked colleagues to inform Mr Button of any locally run trials that he was not already aware of.

- **NHS Nominated member with responsibility for patient information and user involvement**

Ms Stephenson thanked Sister Kate Smith for agreeing to be the NHS member with responsibility for patient information and user involvement.

- **Agreed minimum dataset/audit**

The group agreed the minimum dataset for Upper GI cancer (see attachment 1C-110f).

The group agreed the policy specifying which team collects which portion of the MDS (see attachment 1C-111f).

Mr Melling informed members of a new project that is a 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.

- **Service Improvement**

Ms Stephenson informed members of service improvement work that needed to be undertaken noting that work on the development of the pathways/process mapping could be carried out on the 15th June 2005. Ms Hey and Ms Ferguson are working on a service improvement approach and asked if members could inform her who the nominated Service Improvement Lead at each Trust/Centre is.

Ms Hey highlighted that Louise Anderson was the nominated service improvement facilitator for upper GI issues.

- **SDP**

Mr Tinkler reported that the Annual Report and Work Programme will include a summary on the SDP.

Mr Harrison explained that one of the measures states that in the diagnostic units the diagnosing team should discuss directly with the centre consultant however his Trust has made an agreement to fax a letter the following day as it is felt that this is a quicker and more effective means of communication. Mr Harrison asked the group for their thoughts on this. Members agreed that a statement should be uploaded to CQUINS explaining why this approach is the best practice. Members agreed to discuss this further on 15th June.

- **Audit**

The Lead Clinician or a representative from each MDT presented their results of the previously agreed Cancer Waiting Times Breach Audit 2004.

7. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling ensured members had received the CWT paper that was circulated with the agenda.

8. Pancreatic Guidelines – feedback from meeting

Discussed at the Pancreatic meeting, (see minutes for 26th April at 7.15pm).

9. Any other business

None.

10. Date and time of next meeting

**Wednesday 15th June, Pavilions of Harrogate,
Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate**