

# YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

## Upper GI Group

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 6.00pm  
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

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Present:	Dr D Clements	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr C Beckett Mr J Gokhale Ms H Hey Dr C Kay (Chair) Ms T Wilcox	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Verma	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Dr A Crellin Mr S Dexter Dr M Denyer Ms N Hawkshaw Ms J Hirst Sister K Smith Prof M Seymour	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Miss L Carroll Mr P Melling Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr J Ausobsky, Dr R Calvert, Dr J Dent, Ms W Driver, Mr J May, Dr A Sarela and Dr P Selby.

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

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

Dr Kay agreed to review the membership of the YCN Upper GI Group, as it may be more appropriate for some members to attend the YCN Pancreatic Group instead.

**ACTION: Dr Kay to review the YCN Upper GI Group membership**

### 3. Matters Arising

- **YCN Upper GI Referral Guidelines meeting**

A meeting to discuss the development of Referral Guidelines for Pancreatic, Oesophageal and Gastric Cancers is taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at The Holiday Inn, Bramhope. Ms Stephenson outlined the aims of this meeting noting that this will be an opportunity to discuss how they can influence the development of the service in the New Oncology Wing (particularly for pancreatic cancers).

### 4. Developments in Upper GI Services

- **West Yorkshire Intervential EUS**

From April 2005 interventional EUS became available in Bradford and it is anticipated the two sessions that currently take place will increase. Waiting times for diagnostics are currently within 10 days. A second person will be trained up in EUS to help provide a comprehensive service.

Oesophageal surgery from Calderdale & Huddersfield and Airedale is being carried out at Bradford. Huddersfield is currently still performing Gastric cancer surgery with the anticipated transfer date being April 2007.

- **Central & North Yorkshire  
Pancreatic EUS**

Dr Aldersley, Consultant Hepatologist has commenced employment and taken on two sessions resulting in Leeds now having four lists per week.

## **5. Nurse Specialists**

Three Upper GI Cancer Nurse Specialists (Wendy Driver, Tracey Wilcox, Aiden Henry) have been appointed for the West of West Yorkshire and will cover both oesophago-gastric and pancreatic cancers.

Sister Smith informed the group that there is an Upper GI HPB Nurse Post vacancy at Leeds.

## **6. Peer Review update**

Ms Stephenson reported that the YCN Peer Review visit is taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005 and informed members which colleagues would be representing the group at the review.

Prof Seymour agreed to attend the Peer Review Visit to represent oncology.

The formal report will be circulated within six weeks of the visit for comments on factual errors prior to publication of the final report (two months after the visit). The final report will be in the public domain. Remedial action plans will form the YCN Upper GI Work Programme for the fourth coming years.

## **7. Service Improvement Lead**

Ms Hey questioned how much time Network Service Improvement and User Involvement & Patient Information Leads should dedicate. It was highlighted that the job description for the locality Service Improvement Lead equates to 2 sessions per week and not all posts are filled for each area. Ms Stephenson agreed to circulate role descriptions for the service improvement and user involvement and patient information leads for each area so any gaps can be identified.

**ACTION: Ms Stephenson to circulate details of the service improvement Leads and User Involvement and Patient information Leads for discussion at the next meeting**

## **8. User Involvement and Patient Information Lead**

Although there are no volunteers from the YCN User Partnership Group to join the YCN Upper GI Group they were happy for Sister Smith to attend their meetings in her capacity as User Involvement and Patient Information Lead for the YCN Upper GI Group to raise any issues. Sister Smith is planning to meet with local User Involvement and Patient Information Leads to see what is being undertaken locally. Although User representatives will not be attending the referral pathways meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October member agreed to include patient representatives in the future work undertaken.

## **9. Cancer Waiting Times**

Members reviewed and discussed reasons for breaches for the latest Cancer Waiting Times data which included 2 week waits, 31 day and 62 day targets for the last quarter of 2004/05 and the first quarter of 2005/06. The group felt it would be beneficial if future data is for oesophageal and gastric cancers only.

From September 2005 breaches for 62 day referrals are shared between the referring and treating hospital Trusts.

## **10. Any other business**

- Prof Seymour gave a brief update on the recently launched trials. The OEO5 has now commenced.

- Mr Melling reported that although the minimum data set has been agreed, due to the time and resource of information staff this has proved very difficult to collect. He asked members to consider future audits that don't necessarily require the collection of data from information colleagues.
- Mr Melling informed members of the Cancer Event Server, a web based application that automatically merges Leeds PPM data with unit data and allows anyone involved in the treatment of the patient to view the their record (paper enclosed).

**11. Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 4.00pm,  
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**