

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Upper GI Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 15th June 2006 at 3.15pm
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr A Henry	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr C Beckett Ms H Hey Dr C Kay Mr J Gokhale Dr R J Calvert	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr A Verma	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Mr J Harrison	Harrogate & District Foundation Trust
	Dr A Crellin Sister K Smith Dr A Anthoney Mr S Dexter (Chair) Mr H Sue Ling Dr A Cairns	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr S Duffy Mr P Melling Ms C Sheard	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ms S Cheeseman, Dr D Clements, Ms M Clough, Dr K Harris, Ms J Hirst, Dr D Jackson, Mr J May, Ms M Neary, Dr S Pulak, Dr P Selby, Prof M Seymour, Mr B Tinkler

2. Minutes from the last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

▪ MAGIC Guidelines

The MAGIC guidelines were agreed at the West Yorkshire MDT time-out on 14.6.06. Dr Kay explained the guidelines to the group.

4. UGI Referral Guidelines Meeting – Feedback

Mr Dexter gave a feedback to the group on the outcome of the meeting held in York where the key issue was the role of the MDT. A group discussion followed on the issue of whether all patients should be discussed at the MDT meetings given that York will have a local MDT. The Network group unanimously agreed that all cases needed discussing.

The issue of imaging quality assurance was brought up by Dr Kay who stated that providing we have good images available on screen there should be no problem in reporting. The three main issues are the quality of the images, reporting and the transferring of images to other MDT's and these were discussed.

Mr Dexter spoke to the group about streamlining central referrals. The issue of follow-up was also brought to the group's attention. In particular there has been the question of patients initially being seen centrally and

then after one year being followed up at their local hospital. This is to be re-discussed at the next UGI Referral Guidelines meeting.

Mr Dexter brought the group up-to-date on the endoscopy pathways and informed the group that Sister Smith has done the patient processing pathway, this needs finalising and distributing to group members.

Mr Dexter stated that all patients will be put on PPM so they can be accessed via the database. Mr Duffy explained that as part of the cancer waiting times returns they will have to fill in a form for the central governance which will include patients discussed at MDT. This can be audited and there is already some data on it.

ACTION: Mr Dexter to get back in touch with Mr David Alexander, Lead Clinician/Consultant Surgeon at York, to discuss the upcoming audit and PPM.

5. Developments in UGI Services

Dr Kay brought the group up-to-date on UGI services. This included new appointments for West Yorkshire. He stated that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are struggling with the lack of clinical oncology support and, therefore patients are not receiving the same degree of care in terms of clinical oncology. Mr Duffy said he would look into it and added that when services are centralised the situation should improve.

ACTION: Mr Duffy to consult with Dr Crellin re: clinical oncology support for West Yorkshire MDT

6. Cancer Waiting Times

The recent CWT were presented by Mr Melling and targets were discussed.

7. Nomination for Service Improvement Lead

Nominations were asked for the position of Service Improvement Lead which Helen Hey has resigned from. As no one volunteered Mr Dexter said he would make this decision.

ACTION: Mr Dexter to inform the group of the name of the new Service Improvement Lead for UGI.

8. Research

Ms Sleigh handed out up-to-date research information on NCRN Studies to the group members (circulated with minutes),

ACTION: NCRN Studies to be discussed at next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Mr Sue-Ling advised the group that West Yorkshire are to get two new PET scanners. Dr Kay stated that if there is going to be two new PET scanners then they should only put one in Leeds and perhaps one in West-Yorkshire or the provision of a mobile scanner.

ACTION: To be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

**Tuesday 31st October 2006 at 4.00pm
YCRN Conference Room, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**