

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Upper GI Nurses Group

Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday 16th March 2006 at 2.00pm
YCRN Room 2, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Aiden Henry	Airedale NHS Trust
	Helen Hey	Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
	Wendy Driver	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Margaret Jennings	Harrogate & District NHS Trust
	Noreen Hawkshaw Kate Smith	Leeds NHS Trust
	Carol Sleigh	YCN

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Maggie Clough, Lisa Verity and Tracey Wilcox.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.

3 Forthcoming Pathway Meetings

Discussion about the forthcoming pathway meetings within the network. Concern expressed at the lack of nurse specialist representation for each unit. As the nurse specialists play a key role in managing the patient pathway, the group felt it was vital that they and their views were included.

4 Feedback from local areas

West Yorkshire Team: have had their first experience of cross-covering for each other to cover annual leave. They felt this went really well with patients accessing other CNSs appropriately. Work is on-going on developing a team leaflet providing contact details for patients to access other CNSs.

Developing patient information on oesophagectomy and gastrectomy. Have already developed a stent booklet.

Discussion about patient information and accessing national booklets.

ACTION: Carol Sleigh will liaise with a pharmaceutical rep to see if they can help provide booklets especially regarding pancreatic cancer.

5 Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 13th July 2006
YCRN Conference Suite, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital