

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Upper GI Nurses Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 18th May 2006 at 11 am – 1pm
Venue: NYCRIS

Present:

Noreen Hawkshaw
Kate Smith
Wendy Driver

Carol Sleigh
Maggie Clough

Apologies:

Helen Hey
Tracey Wilcox
Aiden Henry
Paula Chesser
Margaret Jennings
Sharon Huntley

1 Apologies for absence noted

2 Previous Minutes Reviewed

(Unfortunately the minutes sent out were incomplete. These will be amended and forwarded).

3 West Yorkshire Team – Patient Information

Wendy reported that work was progressing in the West Yorkshire team with completion of the team leaflet and the patient booklets on oesophageal and gastric surgery. These will be produced centrally at Bradford but be available for use in the local units.

Kate expressed interest in Wendy bringing these to the next meeting and thought that this system seemed suitable for use in the Central West Yorkshire team.

4 Surgical Follow-up

The question of where post-op surgical follow-up will be performed for patients from the local teams. This has been discussed at the Central West Yorkshire team but no definite plans as yet. Kate is planning to look at this issue as part of her dissertation for her MA. Maggie has been doing some work on nurse-led follow-up clinics.

The West Yorkshire team is planning to assess patients' views on follow-up through a questionnaire. This is clearly an area of work that we could collaborate on and could be the focus of a future meeting.

5 Information Needs for Pancreatic Patients

Discussed the information needs for pancreatic cancer patients. Noreen highlighted the dilemma of when to give patients written information in the absence of a definite tissue diagnosis. Noreen has plans to visit another HPB nurse specialist and will feed-back to the group her observations.

Noreen now has access to the pancreatic cancer booklets for patients which a rep has provided to her free of charge. Noreen will collate the pancreatic cancer information and arrange a future meeting to review with members of this group.

6 Pathway for Pancreatic Patients

Brief discussion of the pathway for patients with pancreatic cancer. Issues identified on how the nurse specialists can work collaboratively to ensure a smooth pathway, specifically on communication and patient information.

7. New Upper GI Research Nurse

Carol sleigh discussed the new Upper GI Research nurse; Catherine Moriarty and her role. Carol handed out an update on Upper GI HPB cancer, trials.

8. Patient Support Groups

Kate discussed the progress with the Patient Support group in Leeds. Maggie explained that the York support group is functioning well and is well attended.

9. Yorkshire Cancer Nurses Society

Brief discussion on the Yorkshire Cancer Nurses society meetings. Kate and Noreen are interested in attending and will contact Paula Chesser for further details

10. Date of next meetings

- 13th July 10-12
- 14th September 10-12

Please let Noreen know if you are able to attend the next meeting and any suggestions for the agenda.