

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Upper GI Nurses Group

Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday 13th July 2006 at 10.00am
YCRN Room 2, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Helen Hey	Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
	Margaret Jennings	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
	Noreen Hawkshaw (Chair) Paula Chesser	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Lisa Verity	Mid-Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
	Maggie Clough	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	June Toovey Colinne Sheard	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Aiden Henry, Sharon Huntley, Wendy Markey, Carol Sleigh, Kate Smith

June Toovey was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Patient Information

For the benefit of June Toovey, Noreen Hawkshaw gave an overview of the work carried out to date on patient information. Noreen Hawkshaw presented a draft booklet to the group. June Toovey gave some general advice on preparing the booklets and suggested they contact Jane Archer, YCN Patient Information & Support Manager, for further guidance.

Helen Hey brought various draft booklets that had been produced by Bradford Trust. Patients have reviewed the draft booklets and said that they were not informative enough. It was interesting to see the difference in comments between reviewers and patients. The issue of funding was also discussed at length. June Toovey suggested that Trusts be approached individually for funding and approach drug companies to support the printing of the booklets.

There was a suggestion that the booklets be made available electronically so that they can be updated on a regular basis. Helen Hey talked about including background information on the Trusts. It was agreed to circulate the draft booklets.

The group discussed having a Pancreatic Patient Information Mapping Day assisted by Jane Archer. Noreen Hawkshaw agreed to action. June Toovey proposed inviting a Clinician to the event to answer questions from the patients.

June Toovey also thought that they could form a sub-group to attend the NSSG meetings. Noreen Hawkshaw agreed to action this.

ACTION: Helen Hey to send draft booklets electronically to Colinne Sheard for distribution to the group.

Noreen Hawkshaw to meet with Jane Archer to discuss a Pancreatic Patient Information Mapping Event.

To form a sub-group to attend NSSG meetings – Noreen Hawkshaw

5. Surgical Follow-Up

The group discussed how much information should be given to patients about their treatment and follow-up. It was felt that the patients want to know where their treatment will take place and what will happen. They would probably also like to know why they have to attend the hospital instead of being seen by their local nurse and is there a need for follow-up all the time.

Helen Hey suggested a pilot questionnaire be prepared and given to patients at follow-up clinics. The results of this study could be presented to the NSSG as a paper.

ACTION: The group to collect patient information to be discussed at the next meeting.

Helen Hey to prepare a pilot questionnaire for patients on surgical follow-up.

6. Any Other Business

- Helen Hey informed the group that they have advertised for an Upper GI Dietician for West Yorkshire. There has also been appointed a new Hepato-biliary Clinical Nurse for West Yorkshire.
- Margaret Jennings and Paula Chesser informed the group about the Yorkshire Cancer Nurse Society and their need to recruit new members. The next meeting is at Wheatfields Hospice on 14th September 2006. June Toovey offered to inform all the nursing sites.

ACTION: June Toovey to inform nursing sites of Yorkshire Cancer Nurse Society meeting.

7. Date and time of next meeting:

**Thursday 16th November 2006 at 10.00am
YCRN Conference Room 2, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**