

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Urology Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 2nd June 2005, 3.00pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present	Ms G Driver Mr N Shaikh	Airedale NHS Trust	
	Mr R Puri	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	
	Miss A Lawson	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust	
	Dr C Coyle Dr P Harnden Ms L Hunt Dr A Kiltie Dr C Loughrey Mr S Prescott (Chair) Dr J Spencer Ms J Sugden	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	
	Ms A Parker Mr SK Sundaram Mr P Weston Ms M Wilde	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust	
	Mr M Stower	York Hospitals NHS Trust	
	Professor M Baker Mr P Melling Mrs H Ryan Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network	
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network	

1. Apologies

Ms J Bleazard, Dr D Bottomley, Dr J Chester, Dr V Dabbagh, Mr M Murphy, Mr A Paul, Ms S Ronaldson Mr P Whelan.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

- **Update on CT and Chest X-Ray Follow-up Audit**

Mr Sundaram informed the group that a SpR is progressing with the CT and chest x-ray follow-up audit, which includes around 250 patients.

Mr Prescott suggested holding an educational meeting in the autumn with presentations from various people with different backgrounds on review of follow-up in order to agree a Network consensus.

- **Yorkshire Cancer Network Guidelines**

Ms Stephenson explained that she and Mr Prescott have met to complete version 4 of the YCN Urology Guidelines. The two main outstanding topic areas include primary and palliative care.

The guidelines have been uploaded onto the CQuINS database as part of the Peer Review self assessment process and will be uploaded onto the YCN website and circulated to the group electronically shortly.

Mr Prescott informed members of a urology pathway development steering group which took place on 1st June at the Cedar Court Hotel in Harrogate. The meeting involved representatives from Harrogate, York and Leeds. Draft pathways for bladder and prostate cancer have been developed and key principles from the meeting will be shared with the NSSG, as will the pathways when they are complete. The group will meet again in October.

Mr Prescott tabled bladder, prostate, localised prostate and renal pathways he had produced for inclusion in the clinical guidelines document and a lengthy discussion followed.

Action: Mr Prescott to amend pathways in light of discussion and circulate to all members of the group.

4. Peer Review Update

Ms Stephenson explained that the deadline for uploading evidence onto CQuINS for self assessment was 27th May 2005. Evidence is currently being analysed by the Peer Review Zonal team. Peer Review pre-visits will take place throughout June and July with formal visits in September and October.

Ms Stephenson encouraged Trusts to promote their areas of good practice to the reviewers during the visits.

5. Specialist Urological Cancer Teams Update

Professor Baker highlighted that the penile cancer team started to meet at the end of the Friday MDT meeting; this provides a comprehensive service for the YCN, MDT and surgical service for the Humber and Yorkshire Coast Cancer Network and for North Trent Cancer Network. The service will be reviewed under the Peer Review arrangements in the autumn.

Professor Baker confirmed that there is a long standing testicular team in Leeds.

Professor Baker updated members on the progress of the three specialist urological cancers teams:

Mid Yorkshire

A productive meeting took place with the Mid Yorkshire team regarding investment. Some investment is available currently for oncology and the rest will be available in 2006/07.

Bradford

The business case for Bradford is awaited. The intention is for the Trust to proceed with the appointment of a second specialist surgical urologist oncologist this year. Work is expected to begin to transfer from Airedale and Calderdale & Huddersfield to Bradford once the second surgeon is appointed in Bradford

Leeds

Harrogate and York are aiming to move their work to Leeds in 2007 and useful work has been done on future pathways. Some investments are being made in developing the Leeds team.

A discussion followed.

6. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling presented to the group urological cancer waiting times data for the full year of 2004/05 which included delay reasons.

Mr Tinkler highlighted that the 31 and 62 day targets will become live from October 2005 (for those patients referred urgently) and in December 2005 (for those patients who are treated). The Health Care Commission will be using the achievement levels for assessment of each health organisation.

Mr Melling informed members of a new project that is a collaboration between NYCRIS and local cancer information teams. This is a detailed case matching exercise between cancer registry and cancer waiting times data to help improve data completeness and quality. First results were presented and areas of concern were highlighted. Unmatched patients and tumours have been returned to local teams for more detailed case note investigation. This work is continuing and the group will be kept informed on future developments.

7. Research

- **G_{3p}T₁ Audit**

Mr Sundaram informed the group that data has been collected from Mid Yorkshire, York and Harrogate. It was noted that no data has been received from Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale and Huddersfield and Airedale. Mr Sundaram encouraged colleagues to supply this information to enable completion of the audit.

Action: Airedale, Bradford, Calderdale and Huddersfield and Leeds to submit data to Mr Sundaram.

8. New Treatments

- **Docetaxel**

Mr Prescott explained that the application to make Docetaxel available for patients with hormone refractory prostate cancer was turned down at Leeds Medicine Finance Committee due to cost implications. It was noted that some areas in the Network are prescribing Docetaxel. A discussion followed regarding the use of Docetaxel across the Network.

Mr Weston referred to the guidelines on treatment of Systematic Management of Metastatic Bone Disease from BAUS; questions regarding the origin of the guidelines were raised.

Action: Professor Baker to raise the issue at the next Management Board in July 2005.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

**Wednesday 5th October 2005, 2.00pm
at Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**