

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Urology Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
25th January 2006, 1.30pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present	Mr N Shaikh Mr P Koenig	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr V Dabbagh Mr R Puri Mr D Tyson	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Mr K Rogawski	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust
	Miss A Lawson Ms S Ronaldson	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr C Coyle Dr P Harnden Ms L Hunt Dr H Irving Mr A Paul Mr S Prescott (Chair) Ms A Smaling Dr J Spencer Dr T Wah	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms A Parker Mr SK Sundaram Ms M Wilde	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Ms A Brandom Mr M Stower	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr M Child Mrs A Millett Mrs H Ryan Ms F Stephenson Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Mr H Butcher	Yorkshire Cancer Network User Partnership Group
	Ms C Sleigh	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mr Huw Butcher, Service User representative was introduced and welcomed to the group.

Apologies were received from Mr S Duffy, Dr D Bottomley, Dr A Henry, Dr A Kiltie, Dr R Lennard, Dr C Loughrey, Mr P Melling, Ms J Sykes and Mr P Weston.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Renal Cancer Follow-up Guidelines

Mr Prescott gave a presentation to the group on 'Follow-up of Non-Metastatic Renal Cancer' which included the results from the Network RCC audit.

Mr Alistair Ritchie, Consultant Urological Surgeon from Gloucestershire Royal Hospital was invited to the meeting to present and discuss renal cell cancer follow-up guidelines. The group thanked Mr Ritchie for attending the meeting.

4. Matters arising

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

Following the presentation given by Mr Ritchie and the group discussion it was agreed to update the renal cancer follow-up guidelines and circulate for comment.

Action: Mr Prescott to update renal cancer follow-up guidelines.

- **Testicular Guidelines**

Ms Stephenson confirmed that the Leeds testicular guidance is a document describing the administrative process around the management of testicular cancer referral rather than a new set of clinical guidelines.

5. User Involvement and patient information

Mr Martin Child, YCN User Involvement Facilitator introduced himself to the group and briefly explained his role. He introduced to the group Mr Huw Butcher, service user representative.

Ms Stephenson explained that as a result of Peer Review the Network was encouraged to actively link the Network groups with the YCN User Partnership Group and to explore the possibility of having user representatives on Network groups. The Network will pilot user involvement on the urology and breast cancer groups. Ms Stephenson encouraged the group to consider user involvement in all areas of work.

6. Peer Review – Reports and next steps

Ms Stephenson reminded the group that the Network Peer Review Visit took place on 20th and 21st October 2005. The first draft report was issued in November and circulated for comment to those involved in the review. The second draft report has been received by the Network and reads as a very positive report.

Ms Stephenson highlighted that overall the urology group received very positive feedback. The group was commended on the work carried out to agree improving outcomes implementation and development of specialist teams although there is still progress to be made.

A couple of concerns were highlighted around community based haematuria assessment clinic, closer links with primary care, radiotherapy waiting times treatment, integration of nursing and AHP with the group and network referral guidelines.

Further consideration is required to address the delays in implementing the IOG and the development of specialist teams, develop user involvement and to develop the service improvement programme.

Ms Stephenson explained that the group is expected to produce a remedial action plan to be submitted by 24th March. The remedial action plan will be circulated to the Chair of the group for comment. The final report will be publicised on 7th April.

7. Clinical Guidelines

- **Percutaneous Radiofrequency Ablation of Renal Cell Carcinoma in Leeds**

Dr Wah and Dr Irving tabled a discussion paper and gave an overview of the background and current issues.

A formal business case for development of a percutaneous tumour ablation service was submitted to Leeds Trust, with support from the YCN. Work cannot proceed further without support from the Network for recurrent funding.

The group agreed that percutaneous radiofrequency ablation is an important addition to the specialist regional service of renal cell cancer patients and the Network Group supported the recurrent funding for this service. The indications should be included in the Network guidelines.

Action: Percutaneous Radiofrequency Ablation Guidelines to be incorporated into YCN Clinical Guidelines.

8. Referral Guidelines and Pathways for Urology Cancer

- **Leeds, Harrogate and York**

Mr Paul informed the group of the urology referral pathways meeting which took place on 6th January at the Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate. The meeting was very positive, there was cross trust consensus that an agreement was required on how the referral pathway would work and the need to have the capacity in place before patients are transferred and transfer dates are agreed.

Ms Stephenson confirmed that another meeting is planned for March. The Network Lead Team will be meeting with senior representatives from Leeds, Harrogate and York to clearly agree the capacity available at Leeds and a specific date for the transfer of surgery.

Mr Stower highlighted that an exact date for the transfer of specialist surgery from Harrogate and York to Leeds is urgently required.

Mr Stower requested that York and Harrogate should have a representation on the interview committee for the Leeds surgeon appointments. The group supported this request.

- **Airedale, Bradford and Calderdale and Huddersfield**

Mr Puri highlighted that a meeting took place in Halifax in December and a pathways meeting is scheduled for 26th January. Bradford senior management are involved at every stage.

9. Specialist Urological Teams Update

- **Bradford**

Mr Puri confirmed that a new consultant and MDT co-ordinator will start in Bradford on 1st February 2006. An application for a consultant radiologist post has been submitted and funding is available for an additional consultant pathologist. The proposed date for centralisation is 1st April 2006.

- **Mid Yorkshire**

Mr Sundaram explained that Mid Yorkshire is in the process of appointing a locum consultant urologist. There has been no progress made on the appointment of a medical oncologist. Mid Yorkshire needs to strengthen the radiological and pathological support. Pathology services will be centralised at Dewsbury over the next few months.

There was a discussion regarding the transparency of Network specialist cancer services funding. Mr Tinkler informed the group of the Specialist Regional Services funding and agreed to circulate the paper with the minutes.

Action: SRS paper to be circulated with the minutes.

- **Leeds**

Mr Paul explained that the local and specialist combined MDT is on hold for the time being and the current structure of 2 MDT's is working well.

10. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Tinkler summarised the latest cancer waiting times data which was circulated to the group with the agenda. A discussion followed.

11. Service Improvement

Mr Sundaram explained that in order to develop a Urology Service Improvement Programme for 2006 he had written to the Service Improvement Leads requesting them to bring their priorities to the Network meeting for group discussion.

It was agreed by the Service Improvement Leads that they would prefer to meet individually with Mr Sundaram in order to discuss their service improvement plans for the next 12 months.

Action: Mr Sundaram to meet with individual Trust Service Improvement Leads.

12. YCRN

Ms Sleight updated the group on urology trial recruitment and informed the group of the T3, T23 and PATCH testicular studies which have opened at St James's University Hospital.

Ms Sleight explained that the YCRN User Research Partnership Group includes a number of service users and carers who are interested in being involved in the early stages of research. Members were asked to contact Ms Sleight if they were interested in user input in research projects.

13. Any Other Business

- **Chair**

Mr Prescott informed the group that he had come to the end of his tenure as Chair of the Group and asked the group for nominations for Vice Chair.

- **Training of Bladder Reconstruction**

Mr Prescott highlighted that he received a letter from Mr Phil Weston explaining that the British Urological Foundation has arranged to send urologists to Mansura for intensive training of bladder reconstruction. Mr Weston is very keen to take part in the process and needs the support of the cancer Network to attend. The group agreed to support Mr Weston.

Action: Mr Prescott to reply to Mr Weston.

- **Penile Cancer Referral Guidelines**

Mr Prescott explained that Mr Whelan has produced referral guidelines for penile cancer as the Network clinical guidelines do not currently contain this information.

Action: Ms Stephenson to circulate guidelines

14. Dates of future meetings

Thursday 25th May, 2.00pm (Revised date, please ensure that Monday 15th May is removed from your diary)
Wednesday 13th September, 1.30pm