

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Urology Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 13th September 2006, 1.30pm
Room 1, YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital

Present	Dr V Dabbagh Mr R Puri (Chair)	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Ms S Ronaldson Mr P Singh	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	Mr D Bottomley Dr P Harnden Dr A Henry Dr J Joseph Mr A Paul Mr S Prescott Mr D Shakespeare	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr SK Sundaram Ms M Wilde	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
	Ms A Brandom Mr M Stower	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Miss L Carroll Mr S Duffy Mr P Melling Mrs A Millett Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network
	Ms F Murad	Yorkshire Cancer Research Network

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr J Chester, Dr C Coyle, Dr M Crawford, Ms L Hunt, Dr A Kiltie, Dr C Loughrey, Mr K Rogawski, Mr N Shaikh, Dr J Spencer, Ms F Stephenson and Ms A Smalling.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Chair and Vice Chair update

Mr Puri was welcomed as the new Chair of the YCN Urology Group and Mr Paul was elected and agreed to become Vice Chair.

3.2 Renal cancer follow-up guidelines

Mr Prescott tabled and summarised the paper on 'Follow up guidelines for post-nephrectomy patients with localised kidney cancer'.

It was agreed this paper should be seen by Dr Carey, Chair YCN Imaging Group.

Mr Prescott highlighted the importance they have clear direction from the Medical Oncologists which patients should be seen. After an in-depth group discussion Mr Puri agreed to write to Dr Janet Brown, Consultant Medical Oncologist enquiring about the indications for TK inhibitors in metastatic renal carcinoma.

ACTION: Guidelines to be sent to Dr Carey

Mr Puri to write to Dr Janet Brown

3.3 Meetings with Trust Service Improvement Leads

Mrs Millet tabled and summarised the 'The Development of the 2006 YCN Urology NSSG Service Improvement Programme' and 'YCN Urology NSSG Self Assessment against High Impact Changes' papers. A group discussion followed.

Mr Stower agreed to present on Ultrasonographer led prostate assessment clinics including TRUS and Biopsy at the next meeting.

Mr Sundaram proposed the Network concentrate on specific areas and suggested they work towards all Trusts having a rapid access haematuria clinic, a rapid access prostate clinic and PSA guidance to GPs following testing. He highlighted there is a national template for suspected cancer referrals and emphasised the importance there is an agreed Network suspected cancer referral proforma. After an in-depth group discussion Mr Sundaram and Mr Puri agreed to write to each Trust to clarify what assay specific range is in relation to PSA guidance to GPs following testing.

Mr Sundaram highlighted the requirement to have time lines on individual patient pathways and suggested members encourage their CNS to look at their patient pathways (including those pathways between Trusts).

Mr Sundaram reported that audits undertaken within the Network have questioned the role for MRI in diagnosing or staging early prostate cancer. He felt that strict criteria can be applied to identify which patients require a MRI. After an in-depth discussion Mr Sundaram agreed to write to Dr Carey, Chair YCN Imaging Group for his view.

Mr Sundaram will be re-visiting units in January/February 2007 to see how their service improvement work is progressing.

ACTION: Mr Stower to present at next meeting

Mr Sundaram and Mr Puri to write to each Trust

Mr Sundaram to re-visit Trusts in early 2007

Mr Sundaram to write to Dr Brenden Carey.

3.4 Penile cancer referral guidelines

It was announced when Mr Whelan retires Mr Ian Eardley, Consultant Urologist will take over the penile cancer work.

4. Implementing IOG and development of specialist teams

4.1 Referral guidelines and pathways for urology cancer – progress to date

Mr Paul reported that following the YCN Urology Pathway Development Steering Group meeting that took place on Friday 24th March 2006, Leeds met to discuss the referral pathways from York and Harrogate to Leeds. He gave an update from this meeting noting that he has recently being sent the current pathways being used West Yorkshire. Time lines for the Leeds patient pathway need to be progressed.

Mr Paul reported that the Leeds management proposal to cut CNS's is being resisted. The group supported Ms Ronaldson suggestion for the NSSG to send a letter of support for the CNS's. Mr Tinkler noted that Ms Toovey, YCN Nurse Director has asked for a copy of the Leeds CNS review for Leeds and the Network Lead

Team will send a formal response. It was suggested they include a copy of the letter from Mr Paul with the Network response.

The pathologists at Harrogate, York and Leeds have also met to discuss pathology issues in relation to the transfer of urology services.

Mr Puri informed the group that the West Yorkshire patient pathway was agreed in July 2006 and gave a summary of this. The Airedale and Bradford MDT will merge first followed by Calderdale & Huddersfield by December 2006.

Mr Puri raised his concerns that Bradford will only have 2 urology surgeons for their population. It is anticipated Leeds will have 4-5 urology surgeons for their population.

4.2 Update on specialist teams

Mid Yorkshire

Mr Sundaram informed the group that the non cancer work is being redistributed whilst the building work is taking place. Some of the waiting lists have also being moved off site from Pontefract to Pinderfields.

The Locum Consultant is leaving at the end September 2006 and therefore the local consultant will pick up this work until a new appointment is made.

Mr Sundaram noted that there is a significant amount of major re-organisations taking place within the Trust and a drive to cut down costs resulting in redundancies being made. He noted that the oncology support is not adequate (particularly pathology) but noted that a new radiologist has been appointed.

Dr Harnden highlighted the importance Mid Yorkshire consider the support and training required when appointing their pathologists to a specialist role. She noted that she has produced a personal development plan for newly appointed consultant pathologists. Dr Harnden is happy to share this plan across the Network.

Leeds

Leeds has appointed a third Consultant Pathologist.

Bradford

It is anticipated the new consultant radiologist appointment will be made early next year.

4.3 Cross cover for specialist urology oncology services

Mr Puri prompted a group discussion on having a Network agreement/approach for cross cover for specialist urology oncology services. Members felt it is essential the patient pathways are agreed before this can be pursued.

5. Peer Review Action plan

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.1 Annual Report/Work Programme 2006/2007

Members present approved the YCN Urology Group work programme 2006 – 2007.

6. SOP for the management of patients with malignant obstruction of the ureter following stenting

Dr Simon Waters, SpR Medical Oncology tabled the 'SOP for the Management of Patients with Malignant Obstruction of the Ureter following Stenting' and 'the Referral of Patients for Ongoing management of Ureteric Stents' (when appropriate), for units outside Leeds. He discussed the findings from the audit and after an in-depth group discussion agreed to write to colleagues who have agreed they are happy to be contacted.

ACTION: Dr Water's to write to relevant colleagues

7. Cancer Waiting Times

Mr Melling ensured members had received the latest CWT data circulated with the agenda. The members reviewed this data in detail.

8. YCRN update

Ms Murad gave an update on the urology trials for 2006 (see supporting paper). A group discussion followed. Mr Puri highlighted that for his Trust to agree to take on new trials research nurse time must be provided. Mr Duffy suggested he contact Prof Seymour to discuss support for clinical trials.

ACTION: Mr Puri to contact Prof Seymour

9. Any other business

The group agreed to have lunch sponsored by a pharmaceutical company at future meetings.

Action: Miss Carroll to arrange lunch/sponsorship for future meetings

10. Dates for 2007 meetings

Tuesday 23rd January, 1.30pm
Thursday 17th May, 1.30pm
Thursday 20th September, 1.30pm

11. Date of next meeting

**Tuesday 23rd January, 1.30pm,
YCRN Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**