

**Present:**

Mr D Tyson (Chair)	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Ms K Gould	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms L Hunt	
Ms M Wilde	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Ms A Brandom	York Hospitals NHS Trust

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## 1. Apologies

Ms T Adams, Miss L Carroll, Ms N Toothill, Mrs J Toovey

## 2. Minutes

These were agreed as an accurate record.

## 3. Matters arising

- The 'Keyworker' issue is still not resolved with the main issue being that the majority of us in the group are single handed post holders and cannot possibly see every newly diagnosed patient with a urological malignancy. The group accepts that all hospitals will approach this issue in its own way with the support of their own Lead Cancer Nurses and that it is unlikely that one solution will fix it for everyone. We concluded that we're unlikely to resolve this as a group and will endeavour to reach the best solution in our own locations. The Northern Cancer Network approach was discussed and Sue agreed to circulate their documents for individuals to consider. (Attached)

- David Tyson talked about communication and documentation and said that he has seen a communication that said he was to document on System 1. The others have never heard of System 1 and were under the impression that PPM would be rolled out across the network. This hasn't started in the localities yet. We all document differently anyway, some using paper, some using self developed data bases and some using other more sophisticated documentation systems.

- Dates for quarterly meetings of the group were to be arranged for circulation to other group members...see point 10.

**Action: To circulate the Northern Cancer Network approach documents**

## 4. Radiotherapy Review

Lorraine Hunt talked about radiotherapy follow up and role changes. Lisa Copeland has moved into the chemo/radiation team and her role may change as a result of this move but it not yet known how it will look in the future. Lorraine Hunt, Kathy Gould and Carolyn Gosney have formed a team, with Kathy Gould and Carolyn Gosney on reduced hours. Once the relocation to the new build has taken place, Lisa and Angela will also come into that team. Lorraine Hunt has taken on telephone follow up for Dr Bottomley's patients and will also run an all day 'on treatment' review clinic on a Wednesday.

## 5. Prostate -link website

UK Prostate Link website ([www.prostatelink.org.uk](http://www.prostatelink.org.uk)) were asking for representatives from the networks to support them. Sue Ronaldson offered to take this on and no-one else objected.

**Action: To volunteer to become the representative from the Network.**

## 6. Radiation proctitis and bowel investigations

Sue Ronaldson talked about the radiation proctitis and bowel investigation project which has culminated in the production of wallet cards for men having completed radiotherapy to take away. These warn that the patient should not have a biopsy to confirm the presence of radiation proctitis without discussion with the oncologist. The cards have been printed up via Lorraine Hunt and she will circulate to patients completing radiotherapy. Kathy Gould will revisit the advice given to men with regard to brachytherapy and may possibly produce a similar card for them. A poster as an education tool for staff in endoscopy has also been suggested. Sue Ronaldson will start work on this.

**Action: Sue Ronaldson to take forward.**

## **7. Our role in the NSSG**

Following the recent NSSG we were able to report that Mr Puri has agreed to have the Nurses Group on the agenda at subsequent meetings in order that we have the opportunity to feedback the work that is going on. Generally the feeling was that our presence and participation in the NSSG is getting easier. At the next meeting it is suggested that we talk about the radiotherapy cards and also announce Sue Ronaldson as Chair. Lorraine will take this on.

**Action: Lorraine Hunt to ensure the YCN Urology Nurses are on the YCN Urology Group agenda.**

## **8. Feedback from Network Groups**

Feedback from other network groups was sparse. As the User Involvement and Patient Information Leads for the YCN Urology Group Lorraine Hunt and Marie Wild are the link between this group and the YCN User Partnership group but were not able to attend the last meeting.

The beginnings of planning the process with regard to the centralizing of radical pelvic surgery in Leeds are slowly becoming apparent. Alan Paul and Sue Ronaldson had a conversation about numbers and timelines and how it works in Harrogate at present, MDT, outreach and review. Sue Ronaldson has emailed the recently approved timelines across to him and apparently Geraint Hughes will be in touch.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- The Draft YCN Urology Group Network Programme for 2006/7 was brought by Sue Ronaldson but due to limited time it was agreed to ask Lucy Carroll to circulate this with the minutes for discussion at the next meeting.
- The need for a Vice Chair was recognized and Marie Wilde volunteered to take on that role.
- Sue Ronaldson has arranged a meeting with June Toovey, YCN Nurse Director to discuss the work programme for the Nurses Group and how she can help.

**Action: Lucy Carroll to circulate the YCN Urology Group draft Work programme with the minutes.**

## **10. Date of Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 23rd May 2007 2:00 pm  
Education Centre, Harrogate District Hospital

Wednesday 12th September 2007 2:00 pm  
Education Centre, Harrogate District Hospital

Wednesday 5th December 2007 2:00 pm  
Education Centre, Harrogate District Hospital