

**Airedale Cancer User Partnership Group**  
Minutes of the Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 5.30pm till 07.30pm  
Education Centre, Boardroom

**Present:** Colin Sloane, Peter M Sale (Vice Chair and in the Chair for this meeting), Barbara Shuttleworth Janet Duerden, Debbie Bruniges, David J Howe, Lesley Conti, Pam Whitaker, Sue Harle, Jane Hornsey

**Apologies:** Marion Allinson (Chair), Gwen Moore, Janet Harrison, Reva Tray, Lynne Russell, Pat Dyminski, Dawn Gulliford, Anne Cuthbert.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

Recruitment, Janet informed the group that the Trust open day will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> September in the dining room. There will be an Oncology stand at which information will be available regarding the Oncology services at Airedale Hospital. There will also be visits to HODU. Janet suggested we contact Fiona Page to enquire about space for the UPG. Colin will contact Fiona. Pam, David, Peter and Lesley volunteered to attend and help out if needed.

**Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Policy**

Following on from discussions at the Yorkshire Cancer Network User Partnership group (YCN UPG) meeting in July 2007, Marion and David had met with Janet Duerden (lead Cancer Nurse at Airedale Hospital Trust) and Dr Linda Wilson (Consultant in Palliative Care at Airedale Hospital Trust). The main purpose of the meeting was to look at Airedale Hospitals Trust DNR Policy which both Marion and David found to be an excellent well put together document, they were able to suggest to a few minor changes to the policy. They also discussed the Palliative Care hand over forms which caused so much debate at the YCN UPG meeting, after lengthy discussion it became very apparent that the whole subject around DNR etc is a very emotive one and that every individual patient/carer or family member may have very different needs and wishes regarding this subject. In light of this it was acknowledged by all that it will be very difficult to satisfy the needs of everybody. Marion has arranged with the Network Lead Nurse June Toovey to meet prior to the next Palliative Care Network Site Specific Group (NSSG) on the 11<sup>th</sup> September at Cookridge with David and two service users from the YCN UPG along with Charlotte Rock (Specialist Palliative Care Nurse, Bradford) to discuss the hand over forms further. As a result of the above a 1 day event has now been arranged at the YCN on the 19<sup>th</sup> October with the title 'End of Life Issues'. At the event service users and health professionals will discuss all issues relating to End of Life including the out of hours hand over forms. Any one wishing to attend email [sophie.thornborow@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:sophie.thornborow@leedsth.nhs.uk) or tel 0113 39 24066. Alternatively please fill in the registration form enclosed with these minute and send to the YCN (address on the registration form).

Colin also reported on another YCN event, the YCN Generic Patient Information Mapping Event Which will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 12.30 to 4.30pm (12.00 for lunch) again those interested can use the same contact details above or fill in the enclosed registration form.

## **Recruitment**

Colin informed the group that a letter has now been sent to approx 60 people from the Hospital Trust PALS service database, Marion put the letter together and Sue Harle sent it out on our behalf. Debbie Bruniges has also sent the letter out to contacts that she knows who have an interest in cancer. The letter invites people to a short session on the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the boardroom where we can meet them and introduce the work of the group. Colin encouraged members to attend and share their experience of involvement with this group.

Colin also informed the group about a Cancer in the Community event, for which we secured funding for through the Cancer Local Area Network (CLAN). The date for the event is now set, Thursday 22nd November 2007 at the Victoria Hall in Saltaire, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Colin has invited people to be involved in a steering group to plan the event, Marion, Pete and David have agreed to do this as service users and Janet Harrison as Health Professional representative from Airedale Hospital Trust. Other members of the steering group will represent the PCT and Bradford Hospitals Trust. The first meeting of the steering group is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Victoria Hall. Colin has produced a poster which was circulated to the meeting, it was agreed to take logos off the poster and replace with a simple NHS logo, main reason being that some people come into Airedale Hospital and Bradford Hospital from outside of the District to use cancer services and they might not relate to the Hospitals and PCT's Logo's, so may not feel the event is for them.

## **Airedale Cancer information pilot report**

The report is still in draft at the moment but should be published within the next few weeks. Colin explained that the report is very positive and suggests the pilot was a real success. The report will be sent to Adam Cairns (Chief Exec) and a variety of stakeholders and of course to the group members.

## **Website**

Colin demonstrated the website which has now gone live onto the CMS (Content Management System). The site looks very different to how it was before. The group were very pleased with the site and commented that we have an excellent resource in the website. We have the ability to develop the site further and the site can be utilised for consultations and questionnaires etc. The group thanked Colin for his hard work and effort on the website. The next step is to get some members from this group and the Bradford group involved in the running and updating of the site.

## **Reports and Feedback**

### **Beating Bowel Cancer**

David Howe had been to a Beating Bowel cancer meeting in London at which a DVD was presented. The DVD is about spending five minutes of your time to save 30 years of your life, and points towards looking for the early signs and symptoms of bowel cancer. It tries to get across the need for everyone, but MEN in particular, not to be frightened or embarrassed to talk about our bottoms or bums etc and to get people to go to their GP as soon as any symptoms are spotted.

**A.O.B.**

Barbara reported that there will be a research event at the Hospital Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and that Christine Coe (research nurse) has asked if any of our group members might be interested in attending. David Howe will contact Christine.

A warm welcome was extended to new member Jane Hornsey who is a GP based in Keighley.

**Date of next meeting:**

**PLEASE NOTE change of date for the next meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2007 12.00 to 2.00pm in the Ante Natal meeting room**

Following this meeting we will move over to the Boardroom for the Recruitment session which starts at 2.30pm.