

Notes of the Bradford Cancer User Partnership Meeting
22nd August 2007
6.30pm to 8.00pm

Present: Linda McAlroy (Chair), Jane Margerum, Peter Sale, Tracey Hiley (Lung Nurse Specialist), Mahmooda Hadi, Colin Sloane.

Apologies for Absence: David Woodhall (Vice Chair), Sue Hodgson, Rene Hoyle, Bryan Magson, Stanley Shepherd and Margaret Dalgety.

Minutes of the Last Meeting these were accepted as a true record.

Reply from Bradford Hospitals Linda McAlroy received a reply to the letter sent on behalf of this group regarding the appointment of a Lead Cancer Nurse, Concessionary Parking and Friday Clinics. The content of the letter is set out below.

Dear Linda

Thank you for your letter of 20 July in which you raise a number of issues specifically in relation to cancer services within the Foundation Trust. I will address each issue in the order you have set them out in your letter.

Lead Cancer Nurse

This post will be advertised within the next few weeks. It will be a part time post with a very focussed approach on specific elements of the role that we feel are key, one of the key elements will be the focus on external partnership working, and this will include user involvement. I do not envisage any problems with the post being part time but of course we will review it over time and if we need to change it we will do so. I am hoping to make a good appointment to this key role in the very near future and that the person appointed would attend your group on a regular basis.

Friday Clinics

In respect of Friday clinics I am afraid this issue would require very careful consideration, as all our consultant medical staff have job plans, and all their clinical duties have to be fitted into the working week, this necessitates interaction across and between all specialities, cancer being just one of them. I will discuss this specific issue and we will look at the current arrangements in terms of support for patients as I fully understand the issue, and hope we can do something about it.

Concessionary Parking

We do brief this issue on a regular basis to all staff, but I will look at your suggestion in terms of the admission process because as you know these concessions apply to all our services right across the Trust.

Can I thank you Linda for writing to me, I hope you will feel reassured by this letter, and of course if you feel you would like me to come and talk to you or to your group I would be more than happy to do so.

Yours Sincerely

*Rose Stephens
Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Nurse.*

Group members present at the meeting were pleased with the reply and a suggestion was made to invite Rose Stephens to a meeting. Colin will e-mail Rose with a choice of dates.

Cancer in the Community event A steering group will meet for the first time tomorrow (23/08/07) to begin planning the event. The date for the event is Thursday 22nd November 2007 and will run between 10.00am and 3.00pm, at the Victoria Hall in Shipley. The aims of the event are to collect feedback from recent cancer service users across the District and also to encourage delegates to become involved in the work of the Airedale and Bradford Cancer User Partnership groups.

Website The website has changed over to the CMS system that is used by the Hospital Trust's and the Primary Care Trust. The site looks quite different now compared to the original site and Colin gave a demonstration of the various features on the site. The new system is very powerful and has the potential to be used in numerous ways including running on line surveys and consultations etc. The site already has an on line registration form for the Cancer in the Community event and an on line membership form for anyone wishing to join either of the two groups. The website is still a joint one between Bradford and Airedale User Partnership groups and the website address is still www.abcupg.org.uk There is a feedback link on most of the pages and members are encouraged to visit the site and use the feedback form to post any comments or suggestions for the site. On behalf of the group Linda expressed thanks to Colin for his work on the website.

Reports and Feedback

Yorkshire Cancer Network User Partnership group meeting
Pete and Colin had attended this meeting and the main point of discussion was around the Palliative Care out of hours Hand Over forms. The same forms were presented to this group at the March meeting and the over all feeling about them was positive. At the YCN meeting there was some lengthy debate about the forms and a number of people were unhappy with them, as a result of these comments a 1 day event has now been arranged at the YCN on the 19th 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 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).

Tracy Hiley also reported on another YCN event, the YCN Generic Patient Information Mapping Event Which will be held on the 12th 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.

A.O.B.

Cancer Voices Conferences

Colin circulated a flyer for the Cancer Voices conferences which will be held in Manchester 14th November, London 24th November and Bristol 28th November. Colin will approach Macmillan for some registration packs for the Manchester event. Any one wishing to attend please contact Colin.

Living with Cancer Course

Colin circulated flyers for the Macmillan living with cancer course which starts on the 28th September at the Robert Ogden Macmillan Information Centre in Leeds. The course runs for 1 day per week for 6 weeks and aims to help you to share experiences, gain confidence and manage symptoms and stress. Anyone interested can contact Colin on 01274 776688 or contact Louise Fisher at the Robert Ogden centre on 0113 2066498 or 9.

Date of next meeting

21st September 11.30am to 1.30pm. **AGM**

**'Yorkshire Cancer Network Generic Cancer
Patient Information Mapping Event'**

**Friday 12th October 2007, 12.00 – 16.00
at the
YCRN Conference Suite, Cookridge Hospital, Leeds**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all details below allowing one form per application
(this application form may be photocopied).

Alternatively, to reserve a place you can call Sophie Thornborow on 0113
3924066

Prof / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms:	First name:	Last name:			
Job Title (professionals only)					
Organisation (professionals only)					
Address Line 1					
Address Line 2					
Address Line 3					
Post Code					
Telephone No.		Ext #		Bleep #	
Fax No.					
E-Mail Address					
Special requirements					

Deadline for Registration Forms: Friday 5th October 2007

**Confirmation letters and directions will be sent out one week before
the date of the event.**

<p>Please complete in block letters and return to: Sophie Thornborow - Support Officer, Yorkshire Cancer Network Service Improvement Team, Tunbridge Building, Cookridge Hospital, Hospital Lane, LEEDS, LS16 6QB Telephone: 0113 3924066 Fax: 0113 3924116 Email: sophie.thornborow@leedsth.nhs.uk</p>

**Yorkshire Cancer Network, User Partnership Group
End of Life Event**

**Friday 19th October 2007, 9.30 – 15.30
at the
YCRN Conference Suite, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital,
Leeds**

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