

ACUTE ONCOLOGY PATHWAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 14th March 2014

In Attendance:

Claire Mitchell – Pathway Director
Caroline McCall – Pathway Manager
Christine Griffiths
Sue Skyes – Quality Improvement manager (SCN)
Sarah Taylor – Primary Care representative
Barbara Heffernon
Claire Arthur
Jo Humphreys
Clare De Marco Masetti
Catherine Fensom
Vikki Tyrrell
M Abbas
Ann Davis
Conor Fitzpatrick
Vivek Misra
Kathryn Hornby
Sophie Cloyd
Leo Faihariades
Melanie Dalkhah-Taedy
Carol Diver

Aims & Priorities of Pathway group

Improving outcomes, survival rates and improving processes whilst remaining focussed on patient experience, Research and education. Moving from where we are now to a more patient focussed approach.

1. Introduction to Manchester Cancer, its aims, objectives and its new role looking at the whole integrated pathway including representative from primary care, and patients. It was experience that Manchester cancer outcomes focusing on:
 - i. Patient experience
 - ii. Clinical engagement
 - iii. Research
 - iv. Education

To achieve its aims and objectives and to improve skin cancer outcomes.

There was further discussion around the idea of having one rep per trust and to have a named deputy who can attend should the member be unable to attend. It was agreed for the group to be no bigger than 20 members to ensure efficiency and focus.

Action: CM/CMC finalise board membership

2. Discussion around peer review compliance. Pennine is the only trust in the Greater Manchester to be peer reviewed this year. There were concerns this may not be met due to geographical limitations due to 4 different sites and having adequate cover for AO service. Various on-going discussions are going

on with commissioning and MC regarding funding arrangements for AO service. These have not all been finalised just yet across Greater Manchester.

Action: CM/CMC working together on negotiations regarding funding and peer review compliance.

3. Clinical Guidelines including Neutropenic sepsis – it was agreed that we need to contact micro – Ken Dutton.

Action: CM to contact Ken Dutton for further advice.

4. Sub-Group development including education and training, nurses forum, pathway development and data analysis/performance. During the meeting we had volunteers for education and training – Connor Fitzpatrick. Kathryn Hornby volunteered to lead the Nurse forum and to look at patient surveys. It was agreed we would not have someone for the pathway development role as it was felt the board would fulfil this role and finally, Data analysis would be sent to Caroline McCall

Action: Connor to provide the next education event

Date of next meeting is: