



Minutes of the Acute Oncology Education Sub-group

Fri 25/7/14 @ 13.30

Present: Claire Mitchell, Paula Hall, Conor Fitzpatrick, Catherine Coyle, Vanya Walmsley, Barbara Hefferon, Christine Griffiths, Melanie Dadkhah, Anne Allen, Sarah Wilks, Joanne Humphreys.

Apologies: Kathryn Hornby, Tracy Wild, Ursela Mc Mahon, Clare De Marco, Ann Davis, Vicki Tyrell.

1.0 Sub-group Aims

Conor opened the first meeting by discussing the aims and specific focus of this sub-group, these are:

- To highlight and share good practice throughout the local acute oncology services
- Create a 'pathway alliance' with our district general hospitals to ensure that education and training throughout the network of hospitals is both adequate to the needs of each hospital, and consistent so that patients receive the same high quality of care in each hospital
- To identify Acute Oncology training needs, and provide support to meet these

2.0 Methods of meeting the needs of each group

The group recognises that there are various professional groups that require acute oncology training. It is important that we provide levels of training to meet each needs.

| <u>Level</u> | <u>Resource</u> | <u>Staff Groups</u> |
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| Beginner | Acute oncology e-lite bite - Discussion has taken place about using and adapting the Macmillan learn-zone online tool. | All staff |
| Intermediate (staff with an interest / active involvement with oncology patients) | Study day – Education on the background and diagnosis of the key acute oncology emergencies, risk factors, guidance and contact information. | Nurses / AHPs and Junior doctors |
| Advanced | Study days (course / weekend) – Providing advanced information beyond recognising the symptoms of an AO emergency. Direct teaching from clinicians on the management / medications and potential further problems. | A+E teams (doctors / nurses), Acute oncology and ANP's |
| Formal qualification | Masters accreditation – Level 7 Discussion to take place with the Christie School of Oncology and local universities. | Nurses / AHPs |

3.0 Acute Oncology Education Event – 15 October 2014

An Acute Oncology scenario based study day has been organised for October 15th 2014. A flyer has been included with the minutes. Can all members please circulate this around their clinical area. It is aimed at junior doctors, A+E staff, nurses and AHP's.

4.0 Access to training / education

All members of the sub-group identified difficulty in getting staff to complete training; with the largest issue being the difficulty getting time for them to attend training due to various work pressures.

It is also widely understood by the group that many staff which are interested in Acute Oncology, have already accessed information and training; it is important that we therefore target those staff that do not actively participate in training by bringing training closer to them on their clinical sites (possibly carry out training over lunches etc).

There is difficulty in getting the level of training required in order to become more specialist in clinical roles – Staff agree that a module would be useful and good to access by staff. This is currently in discussion with the Christie School of Oncology.

5.0 Acute oncology education needs

In order to understand current shortfalls in Acute Oncology education, the sub-group have been asked to supply Conor with areas where they feel there is a specific need to focus education.

****Action** – Conor will send out a short questionnaire and collate results prior to next meeting. The questionnaire will ask individuals to highlight any acute oncology emergencies that are not being well handled, as well as areas such as specific wards or staffing groups that members feel need to be focused on.

6.0 Date / Time of next meeting

The group has agreed the future meetings will be held in the hour prior to the start time of the pathway group. This will hopefully help to ensure that as many members of the group are able to attend.