

Manchester Cancer Children's pathway board Minutes

Held on Friday, 13 February 2014
Ward 84 Seminar Room
RMCH

Present: Dr Bernadette Brennan (Chair),
Mrs Sue Crook
Dr Guy Makin
Dr John Grainger,
Dr Vanessa Holme
Mr Philip Rice (Parent Representative)
Mrs Melissa Wright
Mrs Sarah Murphy
Mrs Heather Houston

Apologies: Mrs Chris Lowe
Mrs Susan Kafka

1. **Minutes of last meeting** – Agreed
 - a. **Matters arising not on the agenda** – none
2. **Membership** – Dr Brennan welcomed Phil Rice and explained the purpose of the Board/meetings. It is of great value to hear the opinions and experiences of parents in our discussions and it would be good to have more parent representation.

GP representation is a problem for the other Manchester Cancer Boards as well as ours. We need to look at ways of engaging with GPs.

Action: To ask JP Kilday to join re neuro-oncology representation. BB

It would also be beneficial to have more representation from the POSCUs, nurse attendance and also Community Nurses. BB informed the Group that Jay Rajaram has recently been appointed as a Consultant in Lancaster and hopefully this would help with getting MBHT on board as a POSCU.

Actions: PR to approach parents to join the Board. VH to discuss with CL regards Community Nurses

3. **Objective no 1 – Improving outcomes / survival rates**
 - a. **Data for 2 week wait for referral in region – re outcomes** – MW provided data. It was not clear that any of the cancers detected in the region outside CMFT came through HSC 2005 pathway but probably not. Numbers quiet significant of non-cancer patients in this pathway. **Action: MW to try to confirm/refute this and therefore may be able to use this data to show how ineffective this system is. HH to get the tariffs of activity in this system v normal activity tariffs.**

- b. **GP Education** – Discussed at CCLG re delays in diagnosis.
- c. **Timely access of new patients to PTC – Med Student Project.** JDG will not have a student to undertake this piece of work, as planned, in May/June 2015. BB asked if GWM would be able to assign a Medical Student to undertake this piece of work and asked if the proforma had been produced. **Action: BB to consider who to approach**

4. Objective no 2 – Improving the patient experience

- a. **Current patient experience exercise** – The information collated will be analysed and then ready to present at our next meeting. It is planned that this will be a rolling patient experience exercise.
- b. **POSCU patient experience** – VH informed the group that Blackburn are now hoping to set up an End of Treatment survey. Hopeful to have data within 3 to 6 months. Blackburn to share their patient experience surveys with the other POSCUs.
- c. **Chemotherapy Service Evaluation** - The whole chemotherapy pathway had been looked at over a period of 4 weeks and it was found there were considerable delays in patients turning up to clinic, time it took for thumbprints and actually receiving the chemotherapy. People within the Chemotherapy Group are now looking at their area of responsibility to suggest ways of improving the service. A medical student will re-evaluate to assess if there has been an improvement or not. BB asked for a summary report. **Action: GWM to provide report.**
- d. **Patient info needs** –BB described the work of Dr Kwak, in particular the leaflet 'Welcome to Ward 84 Outpatients'. Lots of ideas for further leaflets ie hand hygiene, X-rays, biopsies, bloods, lines etc. Also creating a patient specific pack for parents. **Action: Jo Page to send PR an example of leaflet by post. PR to think about other sheets that may be useful to parents.**
 - i. GWM had a Year 3 Medical Student who produced a simple, focused booklet regarding PEP re randomisation to high dose dexamethasone. ? evaluate to see if we could use it for parents. **Action: GWM to share with the group to evaluate**
 - ii. JDG commented that there are lots of booklets already and we should consider the information we already have. **Action: SC and HH to provide up to date list of patient information.**
 - iii. SC discussed the DVD which was produced for Children and Siblings. In Part 2 of the DVD, parents talk about their experience and it was thought that this could be a bit upsetting if children were watching. **Action: SC to find out if we are still using the DVD and send a copy to PR for his comments.**
- e. **Information of Manchester Cancer Website/Guidance.** BB showed the Group the Manchester Cancer Website and also examples of other websites. Discussed putting links to charities etc, unit guidelines which are used in POSCUS,? CCLG guidance on the website and also pictures of the Board members. **Action BB/SC to collate all info to arrange to go on website and discuss with CCLG. Group photo at next meeting**

5. Objective no 3 – Research and clinical innovation

- a. **Trial access/PTC performance-** BB reported that we perform well. Usually, if a patient is not on a trial it means there is not one available. Most patients are eligible for studies.
- b. **Non-trial research**

- c. **Innovation in Practice** - Virtual clinics. Discussed the tariff for FBC attendance, which is £215 for a review appointment with check count. BB said we need to look at examples from other areas regarding how these are set up, implications etc. Needs looking at a lot more closely.
- d. **Phase I/II Centre development.** GWM has made links with Leeds/Liverpool. Ongoing.

6. Objective no 4 – Improving & standardising high quality care across the whole service

- a. **Capacity** - We have funding for 3 more BMT beds but now need to recruit nursing staff before beds can be opened. Ongoing, staff recruitment commenced
- b. **POSCU**- VH asked, now Dr Rowlands has left, who is the Lead for Blackpool? VH reported that, this year, Blackburn has increased its admissions from 45 to 70 shared care patients. Action : **BB to chase with Chris Lowe**

MBHT –Ongoing. See ‘Membership’.

- c. **Peer Review/MDT Attendance** – Ongoing this year.

7. POSCU – issues not addressed POSCU meetings to be re-established. **Action – HH to circulate dates**

8. Patient/GP Representatives – See ‘Membership’

9. Any Other Business - no

10. Date and time of next meeting 08 May 2015