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Inter Trust Referrals

This group monitors referrals to Freeman Hospital (centre) and patient outcomes on an ongoing basis with regular presentations of findings. An update was presented at the group meeting on 17 May 2011, see Appendix 3, page 16. The presentation demonstrated clear progression over the last 3 years which was acknowledged by the group. Local data (units) has also been collected to provide cross checking of results by trusts but as all had not submitted data it was agreed to discuss this at a later meeting. Data from trust systems will also be compared to NYCRIS registration data to evaluate completeness.

EUS Referrals

Aim:

To review the length of wait for an EUS investigation at the Hepatobiliary Unit, Freeman Hospital

Methodology

Wait times from referral to test were calculated for all EUS referrals received by Freeman Hospital between 1 April and 30 June 2011. Data was analysed to establish whether accessing tests is an issue for these patients.

Findings

The results of the audit were presented at the group meeting held on 3 October 2011. The group noted the results and limitations of the data collected and supported the recommendation to re-audit in order to look at the reasons for delay, the source and day/month of the referral. The group considered and agreed that 21 days was timely enough for new patients to receive an EUS from the time of referral from the unit, and a maximum of 14 days from the time of request for EUS to the definitive procedure. The group also agreed a standard approach regarding patient expectation for EUS procedures.

Audits 2012

Inter Trust Referrals

This group will continue to monitor activity and present to the group to provide assurance that all patients are appropriately referred.

EUS Referrals

Re-run of this audit with additional information to make findings clearer and establish whether access issues exist.

Cancer Waiting Times Audit

The cancer waiting times audit will be carried out on 2011/12 data and findings will be considered by the group.

Fast Track Referral Form Audit

Pancreatic tumours that are resectable do better if they undergo pancreatic resection before the jaundice becomes so deep that they require biliary drainage prior to surgery. The group agreed to trial the use of a fast track form to see if it would help with the fast tracking of these patients. An audit of use of the form will be carried out in 2012 and the findings presented to the group.