



Meeting:	Breast Expert Advisory Group		
Date:	8 November 2018		
Time:	2.00 – 3.30pm Business Meeting 3.30 – 5.00pm Meeting with Commissioners		
Venue:	Evolve Business Centre		
Present:	Amanda Allan, Breast Care Nurse, County Durham & Darlington		AA
	Michelle Allchurch, Nurse Practitioner, Newcastle		MA
	Alison Barker, Breast Unit Manager, Newcastle		ABa
	Amir Bhatti, Consultant Surgeon, County Durham and Darlington		AB
	Tony Branson, Clinical Lead, Cancer Alliance		TB
	Caroline Buchanan, BCN, Gateshead		CB
	Wendy Carr, Breast Physician, Northumbria		WC
	Kevin Clark, Consultant Surgeon, Gateshead		KC
	Richard Cooper, Radiologist, South Tyneside / HEE		RC
	Val Cross, BCN, North Tees		VC
	Michelle Donlon, Breast Surgeon, CDDFT		MDo
	Matei Dordea, Consultant Surgeon, NTH		MD
	Lisa Fisher, Screening & Immunisation Manager, PHE/NHSE		LF
	Lynn George, Project Delivery Manager, Cancer Alliance		LG
	Karen Hamlen, TYA, Newcastle		KH
	Jan Harley, Lead Cancer Nurse, North Tees and Hartlepool		JH
	Nicola Holmes-Long, TYA, Newcastle		NHL
	Laura Hope, LWBC Programme Manager, NCA		LH
	Melanie Jones, Breast CNS, CDDFT		MJ
	Ioannis Michalakis, Breast Surgeon, North Cumbria		IM
	Jane Potterton, Consultant Radiologist Gateshead		JP
	Alan Redman, Consultant Radiologist, Gateshead		AR
	Sheron Robson, Programme Manager, Cancer Alliance		SR
	Jane Rush, Lead Breast Nurse, Newcastle		JR
	Alice Townend, Consultant Breast Surgeon, Northumbria		AT
	Kath Wall, Patient & Carer Representative, NECN		KWa
	Penny Williams, Research Delivery Manager, CRN NENC		PW
	Glen Wilson, Screening & Immunisation Lead, PHE/NHSE		GW
	Linda Wintersgill, Information Manager, Cancer Alliance		LW
	Patrick Wright, GP Cancer Lead, North Durham CCG		PW
In Attendance:	Su Young, Business Support Assistant, Cancer Alliance		SY
	Darren Crouch, Business Support Assistant, Cancer Alliance		DC
Apologies:	Dr A Anand, Consultant Radiologist, North Tees		AA
	Melanie Robertson, Nurse Consultant, City Hospitals Sunderland		MR
	Louise Saddler, Friarage Hospital, South Tees		LS
	Jonathan Slade, Deputy Medical Director, NHSE		JS
	Helen Turnbull, NUTH		HT
MINUTES			
1.	INTRODUCTION	Lead	Enc.
	1.1 Welcome and Apologies		
	TB welcomed all to the meeting, apologies as listed above.		

	1.2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	
		No conflict of interest declared.	
	1.3	Minutes of the previous meeting 10.05.18	
		Minutes agreed and accurate record with the following amendments: Page 4 – 2 consultant radiographers have started not radiologists.	Enc. 1
	1.4	Matters arising	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair 	
		MV has informed the Alliance that he no longer wishes to continue as Chair of the group. TB has offered to continue to be chair which the group endorsed. The group requires a vice chair and expressions of interest to be forwarded to su.young@nhs.net The job description is attached for information.	Enc. 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjuvant bisphosphonates – to commissioning forum 	
		Covered under Cancer Alliance Update	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Cancer in Pregnancy 	
		TB discussed management of these patients and will recirculate the guidelines for group to review. TB informed the group that this item has not proceeded, and the guidelines that were developed should be added as an addendum to the current clinical guidelines.	
2.	AGENDA ITEMS		
	2.1	Care of patients with Breast cancer aged 25 and under	
		<p>Presentation delivered by Nicola Holmes Long, Teenage Cancer Nurse Specialist at Newcastle Hospitals.</p> <p>The presentation is attached for information and included information on the Teenage & Young Adult (TYA) team, the background to the services they provide and a case study story.</p> <p>LHL informed the group that the Team are available to receive referrals through MDT and are happy to be contacted for any queries. Referrals can be made up until the day before a patient's 25th Birthday.</p> <p>SR noted that there will soon be a new website for the Alliance and there will be an area on this to promote on and share information on services.</p>	Enc. 3

2.2	Regional update on services from each trust		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Cumbria 		
	<p>Appointments have been made in last year. Shortages of radiologists and breast care nurses but dealing well with the number of patients. Offering screening and treatment. The screening service has appointed a manager who starts at the beginning of December.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateshead 		
	<p>There has been an increase in the symptomatic work load. Currently 1 WTE radiologist down however one radiologist is taking on an increasing role. A business case has been given the go ahead for Seed Localisation. However the Trust are about to run into problems with radiographers as they are approaching retirement and may lose the opportunities to support advanced practitioners. Implementing the stratified follow up and feedback from patients has been positive. Winter pressures may see breast care nurses working on wards. A half-day session is being held to look at the challenges in relation to surgery. Safe care sessions for breast are being done. The Trust currently has no plastic department.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle 		
	<p>Pressures remain on surgical capacity but significant investment in nursing team has been made and is looking at pathways to improve nurse led clinics. Case numbers are up 17% from last year. Appointments have been made however these are mainly replacements to those who have left. Radiologists under pressure. Appointed consultant radiographers one of which is at the start of a 5 year training programme. Cancer care coordinator role has been appointed and looking at cancer survivorship work.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Durham & Darlington 		
	<p>Similar to other trusts, issues with radiology departments and the number of patients has increased to over 5000 per year over last few years. At present both radiologists are about to retire in next year or two. The Trust has been offered a temporary solution however this has been put on hold and staff are concerned why this is the case. Current vacancies are on hold with the trust therefore replacements are not being made to nursing posts. CNS are currently covering the services that have been withdrawn. KW highlighted the Cancer Navigator roles are working well and have had a positive impact but worried about issues going forward.</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Tees & Hartlepool 		
		<p>Surgical capacity is ok and extra lists are not required at the moment. Funding available for an oncoplastic surgeon. One stop clinics are being majority nurse led. Service development is close to improving workflow. Nursing capacity is reduced but the team are managing this. Four new Radiology appointments have been made and further funding is available for more. A QA visit has recently been held and the initial report looks positive from this.</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Tees 		
		<p>South Tees diagnostics for Middlesbrough is now at North Tees. Follow-up clinics are being done at James Cook but any mammogram appointments have to be done at North Tees or the Friarage.</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumbria 		
		<p>The Trust have a lack of radiologists and have been working on locums but these are no longer available. The Trust has tried several ways to recruit but still having difficulties. Additional weekend clinics have had to be made. Changes to the Nursing teams have been made with recruitments to take on survivorship and stratified follow up work. Excellent feedback from the survivorship events has been received.</p>		
		<p>TB thanked all areas for providing updates and summarised the similarities between trusts especially with capacity and difficulties recruiting to posts, especially radiologists.</p>		
	2.3	Cancer Alliance Update		
		<p>SR provided an update from the Cancer Alliance. A request has been made to compile a report for a future model to provide a sustainable service in the future. TB held task and finish group where a paper was developed with a recommendation was made for hub and spokes within the screening sites. Following on from this a request was made for the cancer alliance to develop a specification for the hub and spoke model.</p> <p>Presentation given on this and attached for information which highlights the documents the Alliance will use to develop the service model. Links to these documents are below.</p> <p>Quality standards - https://gmcancerorguk.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/quality-standards-for-breast-cancer-units-within-greater-manchester-supporting-information.pdf</p>		Enc. 4

	<p>Commissioning advice - http://www.yhscn.nhs.uk/media/PDFs/cancer/National%20Optimal%20Pways%202017/Clinical%20Advice%20for%20the%20Provision%20of%20Breast%20Cancer%20Services%20Aug%202017.pdf</p> <p>Two questions to the group were asked within the presentation. Group to review the documents and return any comments and also to ask them to opt into a task and finish group to develop a specification and share across the Alliance area.</p>	ALL	
2.4	Clinical Guidelines		
	<p>Clinical Guidelines to be formally endorsed by the Group.</p> <p>Cancer in pregnancy to be included as an appendix. V2.5 changes should be 35-40 not 40-35 Once these are added the group endorsed the guidelines.</p>		
3.	STANDING ITEMS		
3.1	Performance reporting		
	<p>Performance report presentation is attached for information. Unfortunately due to time constraints this was unable to be presented within the meeting. Any comments or queries to be sent to Linda Wintersgill, l.wintergill@nhs.net</p>		Enc. 5
3.2	Clinical Trials		
	<p>Presentation delivered by PW. Majority of research is observational and there is a wide spread of activity across all Trusts. PW asked the group how the activity can be increased across the region. Expressions of interest have been sent to Trusts about trials but a lot of feedback is capacity to undertake the trials. Group provided some feedback on the trials and where some trusts have managed to undertake them this can be shared across the region. It was confirmed that research was included in the hub and spoke models.</p>		Enc. 6
3.3	Clinical Governance Issues		
	None		
3.4	Any Other Business		
	None		
3.5	Meeting Dates		
	<p>Thursday 9 May 2019, 2.00 – 4.00pm Thursday 3 October 2019, 2.00 – 4.00pm</p>		

	Evolve Business Centre		
4.	MEETING CLOSE		
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