



Meeting: Skin Expert Reference Group
Date: 12 September 2019
Time: 9:00am – 12.00 noon
Venue: Evolve Business Centre
Present:

Andy Burns, Consultant, Sunderland
 Mumtaz Hussain, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, (**CHAIR**)
 Ann Irwin, CNS, CDDFT
 Lindsay Johnson, CNS, CDDFT
 Jong Kim, Plastic Consultant, CDDFT
 Neil McLean, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Northumbria
 Kerry Osborne, CNS CDDFT
 Jerry Ryan, Max Fac, Sunderland
 Haroon Siddiqui, Cons Plastic Surgeon, South Tees

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MH
AI
LJ
LK
NM
KO
JR
HS

In Attendance Su Young, Business Support Assistant, Cancer Alliance

SY

Apologies: Sophie Alexander
 Paul Barrett, Chair
 Harry Bowles, Patient and Carer Representative
 Helen Hinde
 Laura Lawton, Plastic CNS, South Tees
 Rob Holmes
 Tom Oliphant, Dermatologist, NUTH
 Ruth Plummer, Newcastle Hospitals
 Sylvia Toresen, Patient and Carer Representative

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MINUTES

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1. INTRODUCTION		
1.1 Welcome and Apologies MH welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies listed above.		
1.2 Declarations and Conflict of Interest None		
1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting 12.09.18 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the following amendments: Agenda Item: 2.4 – Sentinal Noding to be changed to Sentinel Node Biopsy.		Enc1

Changes to group membership were requested and these will be made to the distribution list.

**1.4 Matters arising
Health Economics**

Rob Ellis was not in attendance at today's meeting. No update has been received. To chase for a response.

Inter Provider Transfer Form (Aide Memoir)

The Alliance are still trying to finalise the IPT forms. No comments were received from group members therefore the Alliance will send this out again with a tight turnaround and if nothing is received from that call the form will be circulated to all.

SY/LW

Melanoma ME

PB sent a letter on behalf of the group to Melanoma ME following concerns that had been raised regarding incorrect advice and diagnosis. A meeting is to be held with Melanoma ME and the outcome will be shared following this.

It was noted that reports are still being received in relation to them using dermo scopes despite being informed not to use them.

The group felt that the advice is clinically inappropriate and patients are being incorrectly diagnosed therefore causing risks and pressures on the system.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Skin Care Guideline for use with EGFR inhibitors (to be endorsed)

Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals have produced skin care guideline for use with EGFR inhibitors. They have been shared with the group and the group are asked if they can be considered for regional adoption.

It was felt that this was not very relevant for Skin oncology but the document was very thorough. It has been shared with the chemotherapy group and also was suggested that this be shared with the colorectal group.

SY

2.3 EAG Chair

PB is intending to step down as chair of Skin EAG chair due to the increase in the pathology project. MH has been asked to step up as chair of this group which was agreed, and the group were asked for expressions of interest to come back

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to the alliance. A copy of the job specification is attached for information. Expressions of interest to be forwarded to Su Young su.young@nhs.net by close of play Friday 11 October 2019.

ALL

3. STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Audits

A discussion was held regarding undertaking a regional audit. New guidelines are due for release from BAD.

The following audits were suggested:

- It was proposed to do an audit on using the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) classification for SCCs to see if it was a better prognostic indicator than the AJCC 8 classification
- Oncology audit on block dissection / chemotherapy / immunotherapy
- CCG data justifying and offers of speciality choice. Specialist nurses and administration at South Tees are leading referral management to decipher if patients are being referred to the correct service. HS to share form with other trusts to see if they are interested in using.

HS

Tele dermatology is now being done in Durham and the team reported that referrals have reduced however referrals to plastics have increased. There are still some teething issues in relation to the quality of the pictures being sent in. However, the increase in plastic referrals has raised concerns as to whether primary care is not undertaking the tele dermatology despite all being trained to use dermo scopes. The Alliance agreed to raise this with the Primary Care Clinical Leads and discuss this at the next Cancer Community Group meeting.

SY

3.2 Cancer Alliance update

The Alliance are hosting a Cancer Evolution – Collaborate to Innovate conference on 27 September 2019. There are a few places still available and if anyone would like to attend to forward an email to Su Young su.young@nhs.net

3.3 CNS Update Durham

The Trust reported several changes within the team in CDDFT. This included the news that AI will be retiring at the end of October. The group thanked AI for all the

contributions to the team, group and Trust. KO has been appointed as her successor.

Interviews were held yesterday, and the trust have appointed a new band 6 who will work between dermatology and plastics.

A support group has been established and a training day will be held on 26 September. It is hoped to hold them every three months and feedback will steer the next meeting.

Northumbria

A band 6 has been appointed and will be hopefully looking to recruit an additional one.

Sunderland

Don't have dedicated CNS as this service is covered by CDDFT. Some elements for skin are covered by Head and Neck CNS however the Trust may need to look into appointing a dedicated CNS should patient capacity increase.

Tees

Tees currently have 2 in plastics and 1 in dermatology who cross cover and help with the MDT on a rotation basis.

Newcastle

The Trust current have a vacancy which has been vacant for a while.

3.4 Clinical Governance Issues

HS asked if Trust MDTs are discussing SCC/BCC that are excised by less than 1mm margin. The group confirmed that these were being discussed.

3.6 Any other business

4. Future Meeting Dates

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