Development of the Pan London Systemic Anti-cancer Therapy (SACT) Passport

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National situation for nurses working in SACT

• SACT(Chemotherapy) is a specialist area within cancer nursing

• Number of patients requiring treatment is increasing

• Two out of three patients will receive chemotherapy

• More lines of treatment available

• Regimens are more complex and new drugs are being introduced
Background in London

- Longstanding challenge across London
- Two previous competency documents
- Both documents required review in 2017
- Process initiated by the London Lead Cancer Nurses
- An approach was made to Capital Nurse to support
Pan London approach

• Importance of standardising approach and resulting patient experience.
• More cost effective to training and development.
• Need to support a mobile group of nurses.
• Equitable care wherever treatment takes place.
• Provides patients with a level of quality assurance.
Role of CapitalNurse

“Standardise employment and education and create excellence across London”

• Pan London initiative
• All Chief Nurses in London signed up to outputs
• Passport idea in synergy with aims of developing a more flexible and mobile workforce
Process of developing the passport

1. Pan London Steering Group set up with monthly meetings.

2. Review of existing competency documents across the country.

3. All Wales Competency Document used as the basis – this had the advantage that it had been launched across Wales in 2015.

4. Major consultation of draft and use of external experts.

Key features of the passport

Focussed on patient rather than drugs and based on the chronology of the treatment process.

What is new?

• Immunotherapies
• Pre-treatment consultation
• Certificates for accreditation and reaccreditation
London launch of passport September 2017

Followed by National Launch at
United Kingdom Oncology Nursing Society Conference
in November 2017
What has happened since the launch?

• Cascade training developed to ensure standardised approach to assessing the passport competencies in practice.
• Completion time varies from 3 days to 1 month (average 22.5 hours).
• Marking time also varies with the majority of Trusts at 3 hours.
• National roll out and training has started.
• Capital Nurse to fund an economic evaluation through UCL.
Future plans

• Need to adapt and link in with existing competency work in paediatrics.

• Private sector engagement as many nurses now move between NHS and private.

• Enhancing transferability through ESR, enabling data transfer across Trusts and avoidance of duplication.