

## **London Cancer Acute Oncology Service (AOS) Expert Reference Group Annual Report 2016-17**

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### **Introduction**

*London Cancer* is the integrated cancer provider system formed in 2012 to cover the geographical areas of North Central and East London and West Essex, population of 3.7 million.

*London Cancer* was integrated into the newly formed UCLH Cancer Collaborative in September 2016, as one of six key work programmes.

*London Cancer* includes Tumour Pathway Boards and Expert Reference Groups (ERGs) led by a Clinical Director. The purpose of the AOS Expert Reference Group is to be the primary source of clinical advice for AOS to Tumour Pathway Boards, other Expert Reference Groups and UCLH Cancer Collaborative Board which includes commissioning representation.



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The ERG's membership includes multi-disciplinary representation from cancer professionals across the region and active participation from primary care and from patients. The ERG has a duty to promote equality of access, choice and quality of care for all patients within *London Cancer*, irrespective of their individual circumstances. The ERG also works with cancer commissioners to provide expert opinion on the design of any commissioning pathways, metrics and specifications.

The AOS ERG has a Malignancy of Unknown Origin (MUO)/Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) subgroup which meets prior to the main ERG meeting and has different but overlapping membership.

### **Achievements this year**

2016/17 has seen the AOS Expert Reference Group become part of the newly formed UCLH Cancer Collaborative. Working as part of the national Cancer Vanguard within the New Care Models programme of NHS England.

This year we have had a focus on updating *London Cancer* guidance, clinical trials which are now a standing agenda item, two week wait referrals for Cancer of Unknown Primary, and the Spinal Tumour pathway including Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression (MSCC) and rehabilitation.

Our key achievements have been:

- Linking in with the national UKONS group to update AOS guidelines and updating MUO/CUP guidelines
- Initiating network MSCC audit to investigate decision making and patient outcomes
- Barts Health are initiating a Macmillan funded two year pilot which creates a virtual inpatient ward for patients with complex neurological conditions including MSCC
- Presentation on the Spinal Tumour pathway from the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital
- Initiated a focus group to design a two week wait referral form for MUO/CUP, now a pan-London group

## Future plans

In 2017/18 we will build on our work initiated in 2016/17. Our work plan is outlined below.

No	Objective	By
1	Work with pan-London colleagues to complete and roll out MUO/CUP two week wait form	January 2018
2	Network communication and education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- hold MUO/CUP network/pan-London education and networking event</li><li>- hold MSCC education and networking event</li><li>- develop network education resources</li><li>- Primary Care education regarding new MUO/CUP two week wait form</li></ul>	November 2017  Spring 2018 Spring 2018 Spring 2018
3	Complete update of AOS clinical guidelines	November 2017
4	Complete MSCC audit and present significant outcomes	January 2018
5	Research – clinical trial recruitment and use of North Thames CRN data to drive improvement and cross-sector working	Ongoing
6	Use Patient experience data and insight to improve services	Ongoing

## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all the members of the AOS Expert Reference Group and CUP subgroup for contributing their time to Board meetings and projects outside the meeting.

We would like to acknowledge the patients who receive our services who remain the focus of our efforts.