

London Cancer Brain and Spine Pathway Board

Date: **Monday 3rd July 2017, 09.15-11.00**

Venue: **6th Floor Central, (West) Meeting Room, 250 Euston Road, NW1 2PG**

Chair: **Jonathan Pollock, Pathway Director**

1. Welcome, Apologies and minutes of last meeting

Members of the board were welcomed, introductions were made and apologies heard. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings.

- David Choi, Robert Bradford and Jeremy Rees to be removed from attendees list.
- SE to approach Jonathon Pollock, Dimitrios and Robert Bradford re another date for the stratified follow up meeting. Meningioma to be considered alongside acoustic neuroma for stratified follow-up.
 - ACTION – SE to set up new meeting between JP, SC, Robert Bradford, Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos re stratified follow up.
- SC confirmed that the Macmillan Integrated Care team are still awaiting confirmation for funding for a 1WTE project manager (for one year) to conduct STP level mapping of specialist and generalist rehabilitation services. The board stressed their commitment to prioritising rehabilitation and asked SC to keep them informed.
- The Centre for Cancer Outcomes are continuing work on their brain and spine dashboard.

ACTION – SE to invite the Centre for Cancer Outcomes to present updated dashboard at the next board.

2. Guidelines

- Andy Elsmore is updating the surgical guidelines and Naomi Ferscht to updating oncology.

ACTION: SE to get an update from AE and NF

3. Recruitment into clinical trials

- JP commented that London has traditionally underperformed in comparison to the national average when it comes to brain and spine clinical trial recruitment.
- One issue may be a lack of a wide circulation of trial information. BHRUT sends a monthly update and SE received a 3 monthly update from the North Thames CRN.
- The problem with the data sent by the CRN is that it only includes trials within their region not the patients sent to hospitals outside of the patch, for example the ROAM (Radiation versus Observation following surgical resection of Atypical Meningioma) study.
- The board feel it is necessary to tie these lists together and send to a comprehensive distribution list.

ACTION: LD to include JP and EM into trial list

ACTION: SE to email Adelaide Austin to get a full list of trials and work with LD on a trials email list.

4. Reconfiguration of Neuro-oncology Surgical Services

- Ajit Abraham, medical director at Barts has contacted NHSE details Bart's position on the reconfiguration and has met Michael Marsh at NHSE.
- JP and AM continue to discuss potential collaboration between BHRUT and Barts. Wider meetings between the Trusts are also continuing.
- NHNN pathologists are happy to continue doing the pathology for Barts. A formal pathway is necessary between NHHNN and BHRUT however.
- However NHNN pathologists are still not being paid for by Barts and pathologists are not joining the Barts MDT.
- It was agreed that a business case for NHNN path time will be developed when it has been confirmed where the Barts MDT will move.

5. 2ww Audit

- At Whipps Cross referrals are first triaged by a neurologist. If a referral is inappropriate the GP is called and asked to rescind the 2ww and told where to re-direct the referral.
- BHRUT in contrast see all that are referred. Averging 4 a week in comparison with Barts who only see 1.
- It was agreed to conduct an audit of 2ww referrals, the board agreed to ask the same questions as in previous audits for TYA patients and in individual CCGs.
- Kad Suntharalingham will nominate a neurologist whom will lead the audit for NHNN.
- JP volunteered to represent BHRUT in the audit.

ACTION: SE to set up audit with JP, Anish Bhra and the nominated lead at NHNN

6. AOB

Discussion points:

- A TYA query was raised via a CCG, JP commented that such queries should first go through the board. Therefore members were asked to ensure issues or concerns are first raised in this forum.
- Jonathan Pollock confirmed that he was stepping down as Pathway Director. Jonathan had completed his agreed one year term. The board thanked Jonathan for his hard work and leadership over the past year.

7. Next Meeting

- TBC

Attendees

Name	Role	Trust/Organisation
Jonathan Pollock	Neurosurgeon, Pathway Director (Chair)	BHRUT (CHAIR)
Simon Evans	Project Manager	London Cancer
Sebastian Brandner	Pathologist	UCLH
Kim Grove	CNS	Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals
Sharon Cavanagh	Programme Lead	UCLH Cancer Collaborative
Jane Baranowski	CNS	UCLH
Ed McKintosh	Neurosurgeon	Barts Health
Louise Platt	AHP	UCLH
Kad Suntharalingham	Service Manager, Brain Tumour Unit	UCLH
Louise Dulley	Oncologist	BHRUT

Apologies

Name	Role	Trust/Organisation
Anish Bahra		UCLH
Naomi Fersht	Oncologist	University College London Hospitals - National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery
Jane Evanson	Radiologist	Barts Health
Emma Townsley	Neuro-onc CNS	UCLH
Anish Bahra	Clinical Lead for Neurology	Barts Health