

London Cancer Colorectal Tumour Pathway Board Annual Report 2016-17

Introduction

London Cancer incorporates the geographical areas of North Central and East London and West Essex with a population of 3.7 million.

London Cancer became part of the newly formed UCLH Cancer Collaborative in September 2016.

The Colorectal Tumour Pathway Board is a cancer care specific board led by Mr Michael Machesney the Tumour Pathway Director. Its membership includes representation from cancer professionals across the region and active participation from primary care and patients.



The role of these pathway boards is to improve cancer care for patients, delivering an integrated care pathway that extends from presentation and diagnosis through to palliative care and living with and beyond cancer.

The focus of the colorectal pathway board has been the early detection of colorectal cancer, meaning the increased participation in bowel cancer screening and reducing unwarranted variation in the diagnosis and treatment of people with the disease.

Achievements this year

2016/17 has seen the Colorectal Tumour Pathway Board become part of the newly formed UCLH Cancer Collaborative, a part of the national Cancer Vanguard. This is part of the New Care Models programme of NHS England. This has allowed the board to work collaboratively with our Vanguard partners in Manchester and London on developing a new best practice timed pathway for colorectal patients. A draft timed pathway has been produced by *London Cancer* and has been put out to consultation by our vanguard partners. We expect this timed pathway to be completed by July 2017.

This year we have focussed on the vanguard priorities including early diagnosis.

There are active work streams increasing and implementing triaged straight to test to the diagnostic pathway where unnecessary visits to the clinic have been reduced

A pilot of qualitative FIT (faecal immuno-testing) has been through procurement, ethics and was launched during bowel cancer awareness month in April 2017. Patients are being recruited to evaluate the test as a safe 'rule out' test for cancer for use in both primary care and hospitals. This pilot is expected to be completed by April 2018.

Reconfiguration of colorectal surgical services is happening at pace throughout UK. This has already happened at Imperial and is in progress in Royal Free group of hospitals. A working group has been

established to learn from these re organisations and to facilitate further reconfigurations necessary to address unwanted variation in the management of bowel cancer patients presenting electively and as an emergency.

Future plans

In 2017/18 we will continue to build on our work streams from the previous year. Our work plan is outlined below.

No	Objective	By
1	Reconfiguration sub group to support reconfiguration of colorectal surgery across London Cancer.	ON GOING
2	Continuation and evaluation of qFIT pilot	March 18
3	Establishment and roll out of pan vanguard colorectal best timed pathway that will help improve 62 day performance.	Dec 2017
4	Educational event covering main themes of work program for colorectal MDTs in the region.	Dec 2017
5	Refreshing patient and carer representation on the board with assistance of beating bowel cancer and bowel cancer UK. Benefitting from the new resource at UCLH Cancer Collaborative to help with induction and training of patient and carer representatives for pathway boards.	ON GOING
6	Support the implementation of stratified follow up care for colorectal cancer patients along the <i>London Cancer</i> defined protocols and guidelines.	ON GOING

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