

## London Cancer HPB Tumour Pathway Board 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.



The HPB Tumour Pathway Board, led by a Tumour Pathway Director, is responsible for driving improvement across the whole care pathway in a specific cancer type. The Board's membership includes multi-disciplinary representation from cancer professionals across the region and active participation from primary care and from patients.

The role of each pathway board is to understand any variation in practice and set standards that take advantage of planning whole pathways of cancer care for a large population. This drive to improve cancer care for patients covers an integrated care pathway that extends from presentation and diagnosis through to palliative care and living with and beyond cancer.

Satya Bhattacharya:

As I reflect my first year as HPB pathway director I am struck by how helpful it has been to join a team that has already achieved so much and set such high standards. As we enter the final year of our work as a vanguard it is imperative we build on our achievements by developing a clear trajectory, maintain our enthusiasm and drive to deliver our targets and disseminate the results and associated learning.

### Achievements this year

2016/17 has seen the HPB Tumour Pathway Board 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 has enabled us to begin work on pan London/Manchester guidelines.

This year we have had a focus on earlier diagnosis via our timed pathway work and pancreas event. We also have been exploring how we can get the data required to improve patient experience.

Our key achievements have been:

- Holding a pan London Cancer pancreas education day on 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- Development of a new patient experience survey. As well as improving patient experience the survey will help us to understand how to advise GPs on which symptoms patients present with that need urgent referral – that may currently be being missed.
- Bid for a research grant that will help us develop software that tracks screening patients.

- Establishment of pan London/Manchester workgroup to develop new guidelines.

## **Patient representation**

The board's patient representatives have been vital in ensuring that our patient survey will ask pertinent questions that get to the heart of patient experience. Furthermore our reps have ensured the patient and carer voice helps guide all our work streams.

## **Future plans**

In 2017/18 we will build on our work on patient experience, improving screening and trial uptake. Our work plan is outlined below.

<b>No</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>By</b>
1	Run patient experience survey and establish a working group to implement the arising recommendations.	March 2018
2	Run a new process for tracking screening patients.	March 2018
3	Create a new method for publicising relevant trials across the network.	March 2018

## **Acknowledgements**

We would like to thank all the members of the HPB Tumour Pathway Board for contributing their time to Tumour Pathway Board meetings and projects outside the meeting.

We would especially like to thank the speakers at our upcoming pancreas education event and the experts that will feed into guideline development

Particular thanks to our patient representative John Lancaster and Graham Wyles who have generously given up their time to contribute.