

London Cancer HPB Tumour Pathway Board Annual Report 2017-18

Introduction

London Cancer incorporates the geographical areas of North Central and East London and West Essex with a population of 3.7 million. Since 2016, London Cancer has become one of the six principal programmes of the UCLH Cancer Collaborative.

The HPB Tumour Pathway Board, led by Satya Bhattacharya Consultant surgeon at Barts Hospital, is responsible for driving improvement across the whole care pathway. 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.

In 2017/18 launched a patient experience survey, enhanced relationships with the hospitals that refer into our specialist centres at Royal Free and Barts and honoured our commitment to spread expertise across London Cancer and into Hertfordshire and Essex. As well as building on this work this year will see us focus on increasing GP direct scan access, revising our clinical guidelines and improving the running of our MDTs.

Achievements this year

2017/18 has seen the HPB Tumour Pathway Board develop pathways, guidance and to help support referring hospitals get patients to our specialist centres as soon as possible. This work is founded on cancer waiting time analysis and deep dives into the pathway of patients that breached the 62 day waiting time standard.

Our key achievements have been:

- A London Cancer pancreas education half-day on 12th July 2017. The success of this has led to a similar Liver event held on 18th April 2018.
- Running of a new patient experience survey. The results are to be presented at our June 2018 board.
- Development of a new pathway milestones document that illustrated when tests should be performed the expected waiting time for reports and a recommended time frame for referrals to specialist centres.
- Creation of a Pancreatic Cyst Protocol and guidance for managing 'Hot Jaundice' Patients.

Patient representation

The board's patient representatives have been very active in helping direct our patient experience survey. Furthermore our reps have ensured the patient and carer voice guide all our work streams.



Prof Satya Bhattacharya Pathway Director and Consultant Surgeon, St Barts

UCLH Cancer Collaborative brings together hospital trusts, GPs, health service commissioners, local authorities and patients across north and east London and west Essex.

Future plans

In 2018/19 we will build on our work on patient experience, improving screening and trial uptake. Our work plan is outlined below.

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1	Implement recommendations arising from patient experience survey.	SE/SB	April 2019
2	Create a new method for publicising relevant trials across the network.	SE	April 2019
3	Run a liver education afternoon	SE/ Aileen Marshall	18 th April 2018
4	Revise London Cancer Guidelines	SE/SB	September 2019
5	Audit London Cancer services against the guidelines	All board members	March 2019
6	Royal Free and Royal London MDTs to implement Prof Mughal's MDT improvement recommendations.	SB	March 2019
7	Board to explore introducing GP direct Access for HPB patients with Dr Lance Saker, GP, TCST Primary Care Lead and London Cancer Skin Pathway Director	SE/SB/Dr Saker	March 2019

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We would especially like to thank the speakers at our Liver and Pancreas education events and the experts that are reviewing our guidelines.

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