

## London Cancer Nursing 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 led by a Clinical Director. The purpose of the Nursing Expert Reference Group is to be the primary source of professional nursing advice to Tumour Pathway Boards, other Expert Reference Groups and UCLH Cancer Collaborative Board which includes commissioning representation.



The ERG's membership includes representation from senior cancer nurses across the region and active participation from palliative 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 professional opinion on the design of any commissioning pathways, metrics and specifications.

The Nursing ERG has continued to meet bi-monthly throughout 2016/2017. Attendance is increasing, with a new Patient Representative and a representative from palliative care joining. The work of this Group is also feeding into the Pan-London Lead Cancer Nurse Group as it is hoped more initiatives can be taken forward across London.

### Achievements this year

2016/17 has seen the Nursing 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 has given a new impetus to joint working and the need to work towards increased standardisation of cancer nursing practice.

This year we have had a focus on CNS Succession Planning, Cancer Patient Experience, Education and Training, Level 2 Supervision, Chemotherapy Competency and Passport development, and Recovery Package.

Our key achievements have been:

- Further investment from Health Education England in Education Programme in support of cancer patient experience
- Continuation of the CNS Development Programme

- Work across London to develop Chemotherapy Competencies and Passport
- Increasing compliance with Recovery Package

## Patient representation

In 2016 Denis O'Connor joined the Nursing Board as our patient representative. He is a very valuable member of the group contributing to many discussions.

## Future plans

In 2017/18 we will continue to build on the thematic areas identified above.

*Note please consider alignment of workplan with UCLH CC Cancer Delivery plan, areas of focus included below for editing (NB some of these may not be relevant)*

No	Objective	Owner	By
1	Helping to achieve cancer performance recovery & regular review with clinical interpretation of cancer waiting times data	N/A	
2	Early and faster diagnosis initiatives	N/a	
3	Implementation of Recovery Package (& stratified follow up where relevant)	√	
4	PB workforce subgroups and educational events to engage wider system	√	
5	Updating clinical guidelines and conducting system audits (including 'best practice timed pathways' work where relevant)	√	
6	MDT improvement – implementation of recommendations	√	
7	Centre for Cancer Outcomes – (MDT scorecards, ICHOM, metrics and data to show quality improvement)		
8	Research – clinical trial recruitment and use of North Thames CRN data with Pathway Board to drive improvement and cross-sector working	N/A	
9	Patient experience	√	

## Acknowledgements

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

Particular thanks to our patient representative Denis O'Connor who has generously given up his time to contribute.