

London Cancer Nursing Expert Reference 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 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 across the geography, 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 2017/2018. The work of this Group also feeds into the quarterly meetings of the Pan-London Lead Cancer Nurse Group and it is hoped more of its initiatives can be taken forward across London.



Alison Hill, Nursing ERG chair, and Lead Cancer Nurse at UCLH

Achievements this year:

- Implementation of the Recovery Package, with increased compliance across all Trusts.
- Roll out of the Pan-London Chemotherapy Competency Training ("Chemotherapy Passport").
- Implementation of new Level 2 Training/Clinical Discussion Groups for all cancer CNSs.
- Continued support for succession planning through the CNS Development Programme.
- Further funding from Health Education England for the Cancer Education Programme, hosted by UCLH.

Patient representation

The Nursing ERG continues to benefit from the knowledge and guidance provided through patient representation. This collaboration has underpinned both the planning and implementation of the ERG's work streams. Many thanks go to the group's patient representatives – Denis O'Connor and Chris Robinson.

Future plans

In 2018/19 we will build on past and current projects:

No.	Objective
1	Continued roll out of the Recovery Package to meet commissioning metrics.

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

2	Continued cascade of Chemotherapy Passport and Review of Training.
3	Work with Macmillan to develop more mentors for CNS Development Programme.
4	Identify a greater nursing contribution to the UCLH Cancer Collaborative Cancer Alliance Work Programme.

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