

## London Cancer Radiology Expert Reference Group Annual Report 2017-18

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### 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.

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

The ERG's membership includes multi-disciplinary representation from cancer professionals across the region and active participation from primary 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 opinion on the design of any commissioning pathways, metrics and specifications.

This year we have focused on developing a national consensus for implementation of prostate MRI prior to biopsy for men with suspected cancer and the delivery of the recommendations across the UCLH Cancer Collaborative.

### Achievements this year

2017/18 has seen the Radiology Expert Reference Group continue to be part of the UCLH Cancer Collaborative.

This year we have had a focus on supporting the Urology pathway board to improve MRI quality for the diagnosis of Prostate cancer patients across the network.

Our key achievements have been:

- Recruiting an MRI physicist to support trusts in implementing multi-parametric MRI into their prostate diagnostic pathway. This post is a three year post and will work on other imaging improvements alongside the Radiology ERG.
- Supported the MRI national consensus meeting on the implementation of multi-parametric MRI for prostate cancer detection
- Carried out a series of trust visits, alongside the MRI physicist to implement MRI protocols, improving MRI quality for prostate MRI scans.
- Supported the business model and project planning for the East London diagnostic hub



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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

Our 2018/19 work plan is outlined below:

No	Objective	Owner	By
1	Continue to support the Urology Pathway Board on improving MRI quality for the diagnosis of Prostate cancer.	SP	March 19
2	Support the new digital imaging transfer project which aims to streamline the sharing of images across the network	SP	March 19
3	Review the current Radiological workforce within the network.	SP/JG	Dec 18
4	Support the implementation of direct access for GPs to imaging for gynaecology, lung and gynaecology cancers.	SP	Dec 18
5	Support the design and implementation of the new diagnostic hub in East London	SP/EC	March 19

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