

## **London Cancer Radiotherapy 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 Radiotherapy Expert Reference Group is to be the primary source of clinical advice for Radiotherapy 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 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.

My 1<sup>st</sup> year as the radiotherapy ERG chair has been a good experience. We have explored ways of closer working relationships across the different radiotherapy sites. Looking at how we can utilize a data rich service to improve outcomes for our patient population. We have again measured the patient experience across all 5 sites and this year we have set some robust benchmarking for the following year. The results showed that the radiotherapy workforce across London Cancer continue to deliver high quality patient focused care and is something each team at the five sites should be immensely proud of.

### **Achievements this year**

2016/17 has seen the Radiotherapy Expert Reference Group become part of the newly formed UCLH Cancer Collaborative.

This year we have had a focus on the patient experience survey, exploring the potential of a single benchmark for the network, promoting best practice and closer collaboration.

Our key achievements have been:

- Patient experience survey – benchmarking for the next year
- Integration with tumour pathway boards
- Investigating possible eReferral options – which we will continue to explore
- Local reports from each trust at ERG meeting, with a focus on workforce, procurement and general updates.

## Future plans

In 2017/18 we will build on our work throughout the last year. Our work plan is outlined below.

No	Objective	By
1	Improving patient experience	ON GOING
2	Updating clinical Radiotherapy guidelines	MAR 18
3	Explore delivering Educational event (patient/staff/primary care)	DEC 17
4	Collaborative working with Centre for Cancer outcomes to improve data collection.	ON GOING
5	Continuing closer working with pathway boards	ON GOING
6	Implementation of national service specification.	MAR 18

## Acknowledgements

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

Particular thanks to our patient representative Patricia Dean who has generously given up her time to contribute and has attended all board meetings this year.