

## **London Cancer Radiotherapy 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 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.



Mr Kevin Sullivan, ERG Chair,  
Divisional Manager, Cancer Services  
at UCLH

### **Achievements this year**

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
- Local reports from each trust at ERG meeting, with a focus on workforce, procurement and general updates.

Mr Kevin Sullivan stepped down as chair of the Radiotherapy ERG in April 2018. We will be recruiting a new chair. The work programme moving forward will be shaped by the anticipated announcement from NHS England on provider Radiotherapy networking in summer 2018.

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 throughout the last year. Our work plan is outlined below.

| No | Objective   | By       |
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| 1  | Improving patient experience  | On going |
| 2  | Continue to support pathway boards in updating clinical radiotherapy guidelines                                   | MAR 19   |
| 3  | Implementation of national service specification once released from NHS England                                   | MAR 19   |
| 4  | Agree and implement a contingency plan across the network ensuring support is available if major incidences occur | Dec 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.