

## London Cancer Skin Tumour Pathway Board 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.

The Skin Tumour Pathway Board is a cancer care specific board led by Dr Lance Saker the Tumour Pathway Director. Its membership includes representation from cancer professionals across the region and active participation from primary care and patients.

The role of each pathway board is to understand any variation in practice and set standards that take advantage of planning whole pathways of cancer care for a large population. This drive to improve cancer care for patients covers an integrated care pathway that extends from presentation and diagnosis through to palliative care and living with and beyond cancer.

*I am delighted to take up the pathway director position for skin cancer. Skin cancer services in the London Cancer geography are in general working well with good outcomes as measured by clinical outcomes and waiting times in spite of substantially increased pressures on these services over the past few years. Over the next year the pathway board will need to support the system to manage increased demand and promote consistent high quality management of patients from primary through secondary and tertiary care.*

### Achievements this year

In July 2017 Dr Lance Saker, a GP at the Hampstead Group Practice and TCST (Transforming Cancer Services in London) Primary Care Diagnostic Lead for London became the new Skin Pathway Board Director, replacing Dr David Chao who stepped down in April 2017.

This year we have focussed on engaging with our wider Skin Cancer colleagues to understand the pressures within the current system and develop our priorities for the pathway board.

Our key achievements have been:

- Securing Dr Lance Saker's expertise and leadership as the new Skin cancer pathway director.
- Visiting sMDTs and local MDTs across the London Cancer network to engage with the wider skin cancer network.
- Developed a programme of work for the skin pathway board including a focus on:
  - Demand management of 2ww referrals
  - Benchmarking the CNS and medical photographer
  - Improving communication between the sMDT and local referring trusts.
  - Finalising an agreed Skin cancer timed pathway.



Dr Lance Saker, Pathway Board Director, GP at Hampstead Group Practice

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

All NCL London CCGs and hospitals will be launching a new teledermatology service to improve management of skin lesions referred for suspicion of cancer. This builds on pilots undertaken by Royal Free London Trust's dermatology department with Barnet and Enfield GPs, and Whittington dermatology with Haringey and Islington GPs.

*London Cancer* will also be funding a pilot in NEL to explore use of dermatoscopy in general practice to improve management of people with suspicious skin lesions.

### **Future plans**

In 2018/19 we will continue to build on our work streams from the previous year. Our work plan is outlined below.

<b>No</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>By</b>
1	Establish a working group to focus on the improvement of communication between the local and specialist MDTs across <i>London Cancer</i> .	LS/JG	Dec 2018
2	To update and agree a new Skin cancer timed pathway including the new 28 day faster diagnosis target	LS/JG	Dec 2018
3	Support the reduction of 2ww referrals for suspected skin cancer into secondary care.	ALL	March 2019
4	Update the new Skin cancer clinical guidelines	ALL	Dec 2018

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