

## Meeting of the *London Cancer* Urology Cancer Pathway Board meeting

Date: **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 16:30-18:00**

Venue: **Boardroom, UCLH @ Westmorland Street, London, W1G 8PH**

Chair: **John Hines**

### 1. Welcome and introductions and Minutes from last meeting

- John Hines welcomed members of the board, introductions were made and apologies heard. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
- Axel Bex highlighted that Royal Free were still meeting with trusts to discuss the new renal timed pathways and have recently met with North Middlesex
- John Hines highlighted that Costi Alifrangis is still working on the prostate chemotherapy guidelines and aim to have these completed by the next pathway board meeting.

### 2. Proposal for Improving Prostate Diagnostic Pathways in our Network

- John Hines updated the board on the recent prostate diagnostic review, led by Angela Wong as part of the new NCEL performance task and finish group. Findings from the review have been written up and will be sent to board members for comment.
- Clement Orczyk presented on the prostate diagnostic pathway improvement project proposal that has been submitted to the cancer alliance to request cancer transformation funding.
- The important work, being carried out by Vasia Papoutaski to standardise mpMRI quality across the network has almost been completed and Clare Allen will be completed an audit to assess the improvements made to MRI quality across the network.
- The proposal put forward by Clement Orczyk and Clare Allen looks to standardise the reporting of mpMRI across our network through the use of contouring. This will mean that the MRI will only need to be reported once rather than at each stage in the patient pathway.
- Clare Allen highlighted that the royal college of radiologists will soon mandate that all prostate MRI scans are reported by an accredited uro-radiologist. This will mean that some trusts within our network may not have adequate cover for the reporting of prostate MRI scans. This proposal will support the implementation of network reporting meaning that trusts within the cancer alliance can collaborate and share resource when necessary.
- Sandeep Pathak raised concerns that Barts Health may not be ready to implement a system such as this. Clare Allen reassured the board that all trusts will be supported in the implementation of software and training will be provided in how to use the system.

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

- The proposal was sent to all trusts for comment before being submitted to the alliance. Useful comments were returned from several trusts and all trusts were in support of the proposal.
- Jane Smith questioned the reliability of the software, and asked if this has been used elsewhere. Clare Allen highlighted that the software is currently used in the private sector and can confirm its reliability.
- The board confirmed their support for this proposal.

<b>ACTION: JG to send prostate diagnostic pathway review for comments</b>
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### **3. sMDT Coaching Programme Update**

- Sophie Morris presented on the UCLH Cancer Collaborative MDT coaching programme. Currently the SMDTs at UCLH and BHRUT are involved in this programme and the Renal SMDT at Royal Free is in the process of joining.
- John Hines highlighted that if the Barts Health SMDT would also benefit from being part of this programme and this was supported by Karen Tipples.
- Sophie Morris highlighted that a proposal has been submitted to the cancer alliance requesting further funding for the MDT improvement programme in the next financial year. This will focus on supporting trusts to implement a structure of accountability for MDTs and help to develop a governance structure around supporting MDTs.
- Muntzer Mughal updated the board on the protocolisation pilot that is currently underway within the OG SMDT at UCLH. This pilot started in June 2018 and so far has been able to reduce the number of patients discussed at MDT by 25-30%. These patients are discussed at a pre MDT triage meeting and where they are able to be moved to the next step in their pathway along pre-defined protocols that have been agreed by the pathway board.
- Following on from this pilot, the aim is to combine the two current OG SMDTs within the alliance.
- Karen Tipples highlighted that the Breast MDT at Barts Health has also implemented protocolised pathways with a pre MDT triage meeting. This has worked well but requires a culture shift within the MDT.
- John Hines updated the board on the MDT streamlining pilot within the UCLH SMDT that means post RALP patients are not immediately discussed at the SMDT meeting.
- Anand Kelkar raised a concern that MDT members may become disengaged with the MDT if decisions regarding patients are being taken outside of the MDT. Muntzer Mughal agreed with this concern but suggested that protocolisation provides the wider MDT more time to discuss complex patients which requires more engagement from the wider MDT.
- Karen Tipples highlighted the importance of a clinical urological champion within each MDT when piloting protocolisation.

### **4. Bladder Cancer Update**

- John Hines confirmed that a trainee has been identified to carry out the bladder cancer audit that will be looking at the time taken for patients to have a cystectomy.
- Rosie Batty highlighted the potential impact the new Faster Diagnostic Standard may have on the bladder pathway. Currently the majority of bladder patients are treated (TURBT) within 62 days. From 2020 this will have to be completed with results before day 28.
- The board questioned whether a histological diagnosis is required before taking patients off the new faster diagnostic pathway; can this be done with the results from imaging and a flexible cystoscopy?

- The board agreed that patients can be informed of a diagnosis following imaging and a flexible cystoscopy and will await formal guidelines from NHSE.

## 6. Testicular Cancer Update

- John Hines updated the board on the discussions had with NHS England regarding the potential move of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection surgery from Addenbrookes to UCLH. The decision made was that this service should remain at Addenbrookes
- John Hines confirmed that UCLH will be looking to appeal this decision if possible.

## 7. Introduction to Axel Bex

- Axel Bex introduced himself to the board as the new clinical lead of the renal cancer centre at Royal Free.
- Having worked in Amsterdam for over 20 years Axel joined the Royal Free at the start of 2019.
- Axel highlighted the importance of making sure the SMDT meeting works effectively and want to implement MDT proformas to ensure all relevant information is captured.
- John Hines welcomed Axel to the board and looked forward to working with him in the future.

## 8. Stratified Follow Up and Quality of Life

- Sharon Cavanagh provided an update on stratified follow up. A new stratified follow up lead has now been appointed who will help trusts to further implement stratified follow up.
- Currently data is not being sent to the UCLH MDT coordinator as originally agreed however John Hines has had discussions with Astellas to fund a clinical CNS post to support trusts in stratified follow up uptake. The CNS will have honorary contracts with the 5 NCL trusts as well as CCGs.
- The board agreed to postpone the discussion regarding quality of life until the next board meeting.

**ACTION: Quality of life to be included on next meeting's agenda.**

## 9. GP Cancer Update Days

- Afifa Hussain is currently working with Red Whale to develop a specific GP update day in NCEL with a focus on cancer and asked the board to get in touch if they have any ideas on what should be included in the agenda. This will be held at the end of April
- Veronica Brinton questioned how the team liaise with CCGs. Afifa explained that she is in touch with CCGS cancer leads and primary care leads.

**ACTION: Board members to contact Afifa Hussain with ideas on what should be included in the GP cancer update day.**

## 10. AOB

- Jacob Goodman highlighted that Dr Nitika Silhi, clinical cancer and urology lead for Enfield CCG will be joining the board.
- John Hines also mentioned that the board will be looking to recruit further GP representation from North East London.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 16:30-18:00

## ACTION LOG

Date Agreed	Action	Owner	Date Due	Status
01/03/2018	Royal Free SMDT team to visit trusts within <i>London Cancer</i> to discuss the new renal timed pathways. Including developing a list of trusts who can offer ureteroscopies as part of the Upper Tract TCC timed pathway.	Axel Bex/ Ravi Barod	ON GOING	
17/05/2018	Prostate chemotherapy guidelines to be established	Costi Alifrangis/John Hines	16/05/2019	
28/02/2018	Distribute prostate diagnostic pathway review for comments	Jacob Goodman	10/03/2019	
28/02/2018	Quality of life to be included on next meeting's agenda.	Jacob Goodman	16/05/2019	
28/02/2018	Board members to contact Afifa Hussain ( <a href="mailto:afifa.hussain@nhs.net">afifa.hussain@nhs.net</a> ) with ideas on what should be included in the GP cancer update day.	ALL	10/04/2019	

## Attendees

Name	Role	Trust/Organization
John Hines	Chair	UCLH CC
Jacob Goodman	Project Manager	UCLH CC
Veronica Brinton	Patient Representative	
Ahmed Qteishat	Consultant Urologist	Princess Alexandra
Muntzer Mughal	Chief Medical Officer	UCLH CC
Axel Bex	Clinical Lead – Renal Cancer	Royal Free
Barbara Kruszynska	Project Coordinator – Quality of Life	UCLH CC
Karen Tipples	Consultant Oncologist	Barts Health
Sandeep Pathak	Consultant Radiologist	Barts Health
Qadir Bakhsh	Patient Representative	
Sophie Morris	Project Manager – MDT Improvement	UCLH CC
Rosie Batty	General Manager	UCLH
Ashwin Sridhar	Consultant Urologist	UCLH
Jane Smith	Patient Representative	APPLE
Clare Allen	Consultant Radiologist	UCLH
Clement Orczyk	Consultant Urologist	UCLH
John Sandell	Patient Representative	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Trust/Organization</b>
Luis Beltran	Consultant Pathologist	Barts Health
Stefanos Almpanis	Consultant Urologist	North Middlesex
Ashoke Roy	Consultant Urologist	Royal Free
Anand Kelkar	Consultant Urologist	BHRUT
Sharon Cavanagh	Programme Lead – MICA	UCLH CC

### **Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Trust/Organization</b>
Gillian Smith	Consultant Urologist	Royal Free
Ravi Barod	Consultant Urologist	Royal Free
Hilary Baker	CNS	UCLH