

Meeting of the Endocrine and Thyroid Cancer Site Specific Group

Friday 18th May 2018 (10:00-12:30)

Roadford Lakes, Broadwoodwidger, Devon

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Draft Notes

Reference	Notes
1.0	Welcome and Introductions
1.1	Please refer to separate record of attendance via this link.
2.0	The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th September 2017 were considered.
2.1	With reference to section 6.3, it was noted that the patient pathway extends to Yeovil and there is need for another system for MDT discussion.
2.2	The minutes were accepted as an accurate record without further comments.
3.0	Presentation
3.1	Nina Kamalarajan-Peninsula Cancer Alliance SSG Support Manager
3.2	"Improving the effectiveness of MDT meetings in Cancer Services-a summary of the CRUK recommendations".
3.3	(Refer to presentation slides via this link).
3.4	(The CRUK executive summary can be referenced via this link.)
3.5	Discussion
3.6	It was felt that it is helpful to discuss Thy 3 patients at MDT and cases that are not operated on as this helps to develop knowledge.
3.7	Scope for putting patients onto protocolised pathways-Plymouth Hospital undertakes pre-triage, -subject to approval at MDT.
3.8	In the absence of any other forum, the MDT is also used to discuss complex, non-cancer patient cases as there is a lack of any other forum to obtain multidisciplinary input.
3.9	One of the recommendations arising from the CRUK survey was for clinicians to consider undertaking an MDT M&M. Plymouth hold M&M discussions at MDT, but these are not necessarily formally documented.



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3.10	It was felt important to link M&M back to the MDT in order for the team to be fully informed about complications that have arisen.
4.0	Presentation
4.1	Tim Bracey-Consultant Histopathologist and Cytologist (PHT/RCHT)
4.2	"MIFTC and NIFTP"-(refer to presentation slides via this link).
5.0	Presentation
5.1	Joel Smith-Consultant Surgeon (RD&E)
5.2	"Medullary Thyroid Cancer Trials".
6.0	Presentation
6.1	Tim Bracey-Consultant Histopathologist and Cytologist (PHT/RCHT)
6.2	"The future of histopathology services in the Peninsula"-(refer to presentation slides via this link).
7.0	Difficult Case Discussions
7.1	Challenging cases were shared within the group by clinicians across the Peninsula-these cases have not been referenced within the minutes due to the uniqueness of the clinical presentations which could risk breaching patient confidentiality.
8.0	AOB
8.1	It was agreed that the Peninsula needs to agree shared clinical guidelines similar to those used by SWAG Cancer Alliance).
8.2	Action: NK to liaise with Tass Malik/Venkat Reddy to progress.
8.3	Date of next meeting-TBC