

Meeting of the Head and Neck Cancer Site Specific Group

Friday 7th June 2019 (14:00-17:00)

Lifton Farm Shop, Lifton PL16 0DE

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Draft Notes

Reference	Notes
1.0	Welcome and Introductions.
1.1	Please refer to separate record of attendance via the SWCN website.
2.0	The minutes of the previous SSG meeting (18 th May 2018) were considered and accepted as an accurate record.
3.0	Service Developments
3.1	Taunton have set up a “on stop shop” within their head and neck team, for those patients requiring further investigations for suspected cancer. Cornwall explained to the group that they are considering embedding the same, but are in the process of auditing the effects of this on the service.
3.2	The group discussed Sentinel Lymph Node biopsies for the removal of key lymph node(s) for the early detection of the spread of cancer. The team is keen to go ahead with offering these, for early stage oral cancers but there are issues surrounding the funding for the extra resources needed for this service.
4.0	Guest Speaker
4.1	“Swimming Service for Neck Breathers” Presented by Claire Barber (To view this presentation please visit the SWCN website)
4.2	The group had the opportunity to discuss the presentation with Claire.
4.3	CB requires the groups help concerning finding the best way to develop a seal for patients that are unable to make an expiratory breath.
4.4	The group came to a consensus that option 1 would be the best option to move forward with. The group suggested that checking pressures on patients so far in order to measure standard variation. This would be affected by gender/weight.

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- 4.5 The group also suggested analysing at what pressure the seal starts to leak and compare to when it is not leaking.
- 4.6 Concern was raised about giving an NHS imagery exposure for a non-NHS approved product. In order to carry out this testing, ethics approval may need to be sought in order to put patients through this testing.
- 5.0 **Guest Speaker**
- 5.1 *“Scar works Treatment”*
- Presentation by Sarah Ingham
(To view this presentation, please visit the SWCN website)
- 5.2 The group asked SI about evidence/ research that is available to support her findings. Sarah is aware of trials taking place in London, and will keep the group updated on these.
- 6.0 **Guest Speaker**
- 6.1 *“All about EBUS “*
- Presentation by Dr Bip Patel
- 6.2 Clarification was sought as to whether Head and Neck patients should have a CT scan once a year as this forms part of the ENT follow up guidelines. Dr Patel advised that lung patients would have an annual review
- 6.3 BP further explained that Staging EBUS could take between 20 minutes to 90 minutes, dependant on the patient.
- 7.0 **Commissioners Update**
- Please refer to the Commissioners update from the morning Endocrine and Thyroid SSG meeting via the SWCN website.*
- 8.0 **BAHNO Event Feedback**
- 8.1 Those from the group that attended the British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists Event in May feedback to the group.
- 8.2 Two trials have been released that shows significant worth for outcomes in survival and complications.
- 8.3 There is an ongoing debate about age and chemotherapy over 70, and whether the cut off should be biological or chronological.

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9.0 **Research Updates/ Audit**

9.1 The group discussed baseline scanning at four months as opposed to three months.

9.2 **ACTION:** Grant Stewart (RCHT) to take the lead on this and connect with colleagues across the region.

9.3 ORN

9.3.1 GS has 18-month audit data from UCLN.

9.3.3 Endoglobe are streaming from either Guys or St Georges and giving 10-month extractions.

9.4 **ACTION:** Rupert Scott to present at the next meeting to then see if the group can investigate this further and establish a baseline.

9.5 Jessica mason updated the group on current research projects.

Liteform was a disappointment.

9.6 The current research ongoing in Torbay is Pentacoat, which is comparing ISO101B and AG013 mouthwash study.

9.7 **ACTION:** Andrew will get a research list form Petra to be circulated within the minutes

9.8 AM has suggested discussing HPV1 in the next meeting, and to approach someone from the Oncological Society to attend and present

9.9.1 **ACTION :** Beth and Andrew to action this in time for the next meeting

10.0 **AOB**

10.1 Suggested dates for the next meeting are either 8th or 22nd November.

10.1.1 **ACTION:** Beth and Andrew to agree next date and circulate

10.2 Suggestion for a further speaker would be Terry Jones