

Minutes of Meeting of the Peninsula Network Group for Skin Cancer 17th November 2016, Lifton Farm Shop

Attendees:

Karen Davies Cons Derm NDHT (KD)

Laura Beer Skin CNS NDHT

Vicky Ford Cons Oncologist RDE (VF)

Helen Whitley Cons Derm Plymouth

Karen Curtis Lead CNS Taunton (KC)

Claire Facey Skin CNS RDE

Sarah Sandford Lead CNS RDE

Emily McGrath Cons Derm RDE (EM)

Becky Batchelor Cons Derm RDE

Duncan MacKenzie Cons Plastic Surgeon Plymouth (DM)

Apologies: Chris Bower, Rachel Wachsmuth.

1. Minutes of the last meeting agreed.

Matters arising:

Vit D advice: group have previously agreed that measurement of Vit D levels is not clearly evidence based. Issue debated in regional Derm meeting. Agreed as network not to routinely measure in all patients with primary melanoma. Agree current network guidelines which state that no good evidence for routine measurement of Vitamin D levels in patients with primary melanoma, and all melanoma patients should be advised about vitamin D supplementation if they are sun avoiding. (400iu per day from H&B)

Admin for NSSG: **KD to email Jon Miller to confirm funding arrangements** for network meetings. Cancer alliance now functional and have appointed a medical director.

2. Next network meetings:

18th May 2017: concentrate on melanoma/skin ONCOLOGY (moved from this meeting)

16th Nov 2017

KD will email oncologists re May meeting.

3. Annual Network Course for GPs operating on skin cancer was organised for 22nd September 2016 but was delayed due to large numbers of GPs cancelling at short notice. Now re-organised for 23rd March 2017. Group agreed in future the meeting should go ahead but acknowledge that we may have to re-visit if attendance is not good. Group acknowledged that commissioners should encourage and support GPs to attend if they are providing skin cancer services.

Action: KD to email and confirm date. Advert needs to be sent to known GPs and GPwSIs, MDT leads, and relevant commissioning cancer leads (though it is not easy to ascertain who these are)

4. Skin Lymphoma Services: Rachel Wachsmuth leading monthly skin lymphoma clinic at RDE with haematologist. Linking with Bristol lymphoma service. Derriford have asked Dermatologists to help with ECP service ?for GVHD patients.

KD to ask RW to attend network meeting to update us about service

5. SCC follow-up: group confirmed current peninsula network guidelines as below:

For high risk SCCs: Consider 3-6 monthly follow-up for 2 years depending on clinical situation. More need for follow-up if more than one high risk factor. Consider self follow-up or GP follow-up if appropriate/acceptable. All patients should be made aware of signs/symptoms which should prompt them to seek medical advice.

Action: KD will email other SW dermatology consultants to confirm these guidelines.

6. Network Audit: agree to conduct study into SCCs which metastasise: looking at demographics of tumours and patients which metastasise

KD to draw to draft study and email to group

7. Any Other Business:

Issue of GP running skin cancer service in Plymouth, whilst also lead for commissioning dermatology services, representing potential conflict of interest. Group agreed to email BAD for advice. **KD to email BAD.**

VF discussed plans for Melanoma MDT at RDE Friday afternoons to discuss advanced melanoma patients. Plan is for attendance of oncologists AM, AG, PS, KS to attend with CNSs.

Group acknowledged significant increase in workload with advanced melanoma patients because of new treatments and their complications. Group also noted increase workload at RDE due to work currently moving from Taunton. Workload has increased for dermatologists, plastic surgeons, oncologists and CNSs.

DM asked about possible new palliative treatment TVAC (Herpes vaccine) for nodular melanoma mets. Currently being provided at Southampton and Taunton.

Taunton Update (KC): MPH recently gave notice on their skin cancer service due to departure of their consultant dermatologists. Group expressed firm support for finding a way to support continuation of service and MDT at MPH. Group acknowledged the need to support the existing nursing team and facilities.

Future meeting dates:

May 18th 2017

Nov 16th 2017