



Peninsula Cancer Alliance

Meeting of the Peninsula Cancer Alliance Skin Site Specific Group (SSG)

Thursday 18th May 2017, Strawberry Fields,

Lifton Farm Shop, Lifton, PL16 0DE 13:00-16:00

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SSG Chair: Karen Davies

	DRAFT Notes (to be agreed at next Skin SSG meeting)	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies Please refer to separate list for attendees and apologies here	
2	Action Plan/Minutes of last meeting	
2.1	The annual network course for GP's operating on skin cancer was held on 23 rd March 2017 and was a success. Another meeting will be arranged for next year.	KD
2.2	It is hoped that a study into SCCs which metastasise; focusing on the demographics of tumours and patients which metastasise will be conducted in the near future.	KD
2.3	As there were no amendments or comments following distribution of the minutes from the meeting on 17 th November 2016, the notes were accepted.	
2.4	All notes, meeting documents and other key documents for the Skin SSG can be accessed via the South West Clinical Network (SWCN) website here .	
3.	Presentation by Toby Talbot (Consultant Oncologist); "An update on skin cancer from an oncology perspective" (presentation to be uploaded on to SWCN website)	

4. **“Skin Cancer Recruitment Overview”** Presented by Toby Talbot (information provided by Julie Cunningham-Research Network Manager);

(Presentation available online [here:](#))

5 **AOB**

- 5.1 Issues relating to staff mix and running clinics with 30+ patients was raised. It was noted that staff grades are utilised in Cornwall and therefore clinics are Consultant led which can be challenging.
- 5.2 Treatment vs. performance status/age was discussed-age is not a barrier to immuno treatments and performance status is not a predictor of toxicity. It was noted there were regional variations in prescribing.
- 5.3 It was proposed that section 4.10 of the agreed network guidelines for the management of skin cancer (agreed 2015) will be amended as follows: KD/NK

Enhanced follow up for patients with Stage 3b melanoma:

*3 monthly CT scan chest, abdo, pelvis for 12 months;
then 4 monthly for 12 months;
then 6 monthly for 3 years.*

7. **Dates of forthcoming Skin SSG Meetings**

2017

Thursday 16th November (Lifton Farm Shop 13:30-16:00)

2018

Thursday 17th May
Thursday 15th November

(Venues/Times TBC)