

Meeting	Peninsula Cancer Alliance Board
Title	Action Log Update of Devon CCG progress with Sarcoma plan
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Summary	Background and progress of Devon CCG work on soft tissue sarcoma service with next steps confirmed. Final report will be provided for July's board.
Recommendation	Board are asked to consider update in the report and will receive a final report at the next board in July.

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Peninsula Soft Tissue Sarcoma Service**

1. Background

Sarcoma is a rare cancer and the provision of services are concentrated to a small number of providers. The National Service Specification for Sarcoma was published in July 2019 and covers the provision of care for people with sarcoma cancer including bone, soft tissue sarcoma (STS) and gastrointestinal stromal sarcomas (GIST).

Within the Peninsula, there are two centres providing surgical treatment for Soft Tissue Sarcomas, Royal Devon & Exeter and University Hospitals Plymouth. All bone sarcomas are referred to one of the 5 national centres (pathways in place for Oxford and Birmingham).

It was formally agreed in September 2019 Sarcoma Clinical Advisory Group for the two Soft Tissue Sarcoma services to reconfigure and provide a collaborative and cohesive service through one multi-disciplinary team. Surgical treatments for soft tissue sarcoma to continue to be delivered in UHP and RDE with diagnostic and oncological treatments delivered across the five acute trusts within the Peninsula where clinically appropriate. GIST and other site specific STS are managed by the appropriate surgical team with ratification through the specialist STS Multidisciplinary Team (MDT).

2. Progress

The weekly specialist joint multidisciplinary team meeting is well established with representation from University Hospitals Plymouth, Royal Devon and Exeter, and the Royal Cornwall Hospital. All newly diagnosed and recurrent STS are discussed at the specialist MDT.

Histopathology for STS is provided at RDE and UHP. All histopathology is reported by UHP prior to discussion at SMDT.

Both centres have developed straight to test pathways for patients referred on a suspected sarcoma pathway to reduce delays to diagnosis.

3. Next Steps



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- Clinical guidelines in draft to be ratified at Sarcoma Clinical Advisory Group
- Pathways to be reviewed to include achievement of all CWT targets and embed WGS
- Confirm funding arrangements for Joint Sarcoma CWT Co-ordinator to work across the service, co-ordinate the SMDT and ensure the data requirements within the service specification are met
- Agree histopathology pathways to reduce duplication and delays.
- Review referrals across both centres as there is significant variation in referral numbers
- Review pathways from acute trusts to specialist MDT
- Workforce review to ensure succession planning is in place
- Link with Oncology workforce group to ensure STS sarcoma Oncology services are sustainable across the Peninsula.