

Shropshire and mid Wales Cancer Forum

Notes from the meeting held 11th June, 2013

Present: Sian, Marilyn MB, David R, Colin, Ian, Roger, Richard, Ray, Eileen A, David W (notes)

Apologies: Rob, Geoff, Alan, Linda

PEIP & SaTH

Eileen commented that peer review training was being made available to PEIP members. Ian intends to join PEIP as well as Eileen L, David would also like to join but has found it difficult to get the relevant SaTH people to engage with him. Eileen can pass on contact details of Graeme Mitchell and Vicky Morris as the best people to contact. Eileen will also feedback a couple of the patient stories she has heard for discussion at the PEIP as these provide useful evidence. Sian has contacted Victoria Meyher to follow up concerns about the upper GI peer review but has not heard back as yet.

Prostate Cancer UK

Roger attended an event in Birmingham to launch the charity's quality checklist. Roger had examples of this plus other literature such as an information pack. He also made a number of useful contacts which could be useful to future work. David W reported that he had coordinated a bid to the charity a couple of weeks ago on behalf of Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin CCGs. This is the basis of the bid;

Utilise 2 nurse practitioners (band 6) for 12 months, employed by Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups but based in primary care settings. The aim is to produce a sustainable pathway for patients transferring from secondary to primary care and to address the wider needs of patients once discharged from secondary care. This will involve identifying the current support available, identifying gaps and recommending ways to fill them. The post will be able to link closely with the urology CNS team in SaTH and also with the community care coordinators based in practices. This will also offer an opportunity to test the implementation of the various National Cancer Survivorship Initiative (NCSI) tools to support patient discharge and follow-up in the community.

The following roles will be carried out;

Task	Expected outcome	Timescale
Map the availability of support for prostate patients in the community, including identifying gaps	Identify all current local (and where relevant, national) support available to prostate cancer patients and survivors	Month 1-2
Depending on gaps, develop services to fill them	Implement manageable developments (for example, peer support groups, links to local Macmillan information officer?) and identify the best ways to fill other gaps	Month 3-12
Develop formal pathway for transfer of care from secondary to primary care onwards	Utilisation of NCSI tools to produce agreed protocols and pathway for transfer of patients from primary to secondary care	Month 3-12
Identify education and support	Utilisation of local and national	Month 6-12

needs in practices and develop ways to address them	training materials to support practices	
Support a pilot to test the already suggested methods of follow-up in primary care	Use the locally produced primary care follow-up pathway in selected practices to test viability and cost effectiveness	Month 6-12
Utilise findings to inform follow up for other cancer areas	Link closely with other local cancer survivorship work to transfer learning from this project to other areas	Month 1-12

The outcome of the bid should be known by the end of June 2013.

Following guidelines

Following the discussion about the new prostate cancer guidelines, the group shared experiences of whether the clinicians they came into contact with followed practice guidelines. Ian commented that from recent experiences the breast cancer pledge was not being adhered to. This also led to a discussion of the issue of how to effectively communicate with Consultants and other health professionals. It was thought that many patients and relatives would benefit from help with how to be more assertive as often they are having problems getting the information and support they need.

Group membership

The forum would like to consider inviting local councillors to the forum. David W will ask public health colleagues if they could identify those who either hold a health brief or have an interest, so that the forum can approach them.

Action DW

Objective 1.9

David R reminded Sian that the report was meant to have been recirculated for further comments following last months meeting.

Action SH

Survivorship

The forum had a discussion in advance of the CCG led survivorship meeting which Ian and David R would be attending. Sian questioned why some ideas had fallen off the agenda for this meeting and reiterated her support for the holistic needs assessment. David W explained that there was only limited time for the meeting and that the holistic needs assessment was not forgotten about. Attendees can feedback to the next meeting wanted.

Exercise project

Greg Haywood has now moved on and a new project lead will take over in July. Sian had produced some badges to promote the project which forum members liked. Eileen commented that she thought it unlikely that SaTH staff would be allowed to wear badges.

Macmillan grants

Marilyn explained that Macmillan were currently making available small (up to £5k) grants available to groups such as the forum to support them at least in the short term. They will also consider funding specific pieces of work on a bidding basis.

