**GREATER MIDLANDS PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

FEEDBACK REPORT FORM

This is the feedback of the individual user/s attending this group and does not

represent the views of the Network

Network Site Specific group attended \_\_\_\_Skin\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10th May 2011\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Feedback presented by \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Steve Brothwell 2. Ernest Green \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Network Partnership Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Issues of general interest to the patient group**

* Concern was expressed at the number of inappropriate excisions being carried out by GPwSIs in the community. The NSSG has arranged two education days for general practitioners interested in skin cancer work; the second one will encourage existing practitioners to present audits of their work by peers and a user.
* Following a point raised by the user rep at the last meeting a group of CNSs examined the evidence that skin cancer patients who habitually prevent exposure to sun by the use of sunscreen and clothing may suffer from vitamin D deficiency. SATH had already responded to guidance from the D of H by issuing a leaflet explaining the issue to patients. The leaflet will be circulated to all members and should be given to skin cancer patients following a diagnosis.
* The NSSG endorsed a proposal that the next Partnership newsletter should include an article explaining the functions of the NSSG from a user and health professional points of view.
* The list of current clinical trials was agreed, as was the work plan for 2011/12.
* Two audits were discussed.
* Details of 2009 data on excisions will be presented at the next meeting and a study on the appropriateness of referrals will be commenced looking at the conversion rates of referrals by practice.
* Information on total excisions and the number of breaches will be linked to practice/practitioner in order to assist in the identification of training needs.

**Issue of concern to patients**

* The apparent lack of effective governance which reduces the safety of patients by inappropriate excisions carried out in the community. More information will be available at the next Partnership meeting (19th May) when LIT members will be encouraged to ask questions locally with a view to increased training or withdrawal of financial support where there are persistent failures to adhere to the guidelines.