



Notes meeting 10th February 2015

Attendance: Sian, Rob, Colin, Rachel Redgrave, David Whiting (commissioner), Vicky (macmillan), Julia Mcadam(lead cancer nurse), Becky Willetts **The Brain Tumour Charity**

Apologies: David Rees. Roger Fallon, Kim

Julia updated the forum with the following:-

SaTH has a draft **Cancer Strategy** which is due out in March.

National Cancer Patient Experience Survey (NCPES) the trust is one of 10 hospitals taking part in a pilot where it will be partnered with a trust that has demonstrated improvement, so good practise and experiences can be shared. The trust already has action plans for several areas of improvement. The trust is already running a quarterly survey of new patients to identify if changes are working.

Get Active Feel Good scheme funding has been extended to 2016

Action Julia to share Strategy & work plan

Peer Review, Julia confirmed the internal validation panel would be open to forum members.

Cancer Waiting Times, these are 'green', trust has been meeting virtually all of its targets and for 62 days is amongst the top performing nationally.

Becky from **The Brain Tumour Charity**, updated the forum with the following:-

The Quality of Life survey is being launched soon

There is a support group in Stoke, run by Brain Tumour Support, who we work really closely with. The local worker is Christine

The charity has a strong focus on research

We run days, Way Ahead days, for Newly Diagnosed patients. And Information days, there has just been one in Birmingham the next is in Manchester . We also do events called 'Get Connected' for people keen to get together and perhaps set up their own support group in an area without current support.

Vicky updated the forum with the following:-

Macmillan have a pod at the **Telford Town Centre** this week, which has been very busy. They have been working with Telford & Wrekin CCG to try and raise awareness as there are very poor survival rates with lung being the worst in the country.

They have recruited a new **oncology physio therapist** post at Robert Jones & Agnes hunt hospital.

This week they are shortlisting for the **brain/cancer unknown primary CNS**.

David updated the forum with the following:-

Recently advertised the **Shropshire Macmillan GP** vacancy and is confident the post will be filled shortly. It equates to one day per week, but can be flexible.

There are **new NICE guidelines** due to be published May for the **two week wait referral**. The draft guidelines indicate there will be a lot of changes which will impact the trust, eg referral direct to a test within **14 days**, rather than to consultant. David has contacted the West Midlands Strategic Clinical Network and suggested new GP referral forms are co ordinated across the West Midlands.

Sun Awareness campaign group set up and ready to meet for the first time next month.

Rachel updated the forum with the following:-

Chemo pre assessment has now been running very successfully for over a year. Feedback is excellent and it has had a positive impact on waiting times.

SaTH made a successful business case to Lingen Davies for a **3rd Linac**, this will be co funded £750,000 each with the aim of having it running in 2018

Funding from Roy Fletcher charity has been successful for providing **complimentary therapy at the Hamar centre**. It will be provided by Severn Hospice and starts March.

Successful recruited to the substantive post of **Medical Oncologist**.

National Cancer patient experience Survey – Forum to draft a poster “As a patient with cancer did you know?” with consideration for areas requiring improvement for SaTH on the NCPES

Action forum to draft poster & circulate

Survivorship- Julia discussed how patients are left ‘adrift’ when finishing oncology leaving with nothing. After discussion it was agreed the forum would draft a postcard or leaflet with tips for moving on. These should be tumour specific.

Action forum to draft postcard /leaflet with top tips for moving on

The Helping Overcomes Problems Effectively (HOPE) course was discussed, Vicky is going to forward details to Rachel.

Action Vicky to forward information to Rachel