

NORCOM*North Derbyshire, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Commissioning Consortium*

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting held on
Friday 14 August 2009
Room 4, RED Centre, Doncaster**

Present:

Annette Laban – Chair	NHS Doncaster
Simon Kirk	NHS Sheffield
Steve Wainwright	NHS Barnsley
Nigel Parkes	NHS Rotherham
Louise Newcombe	NHS Bassetlaw
Mike Pinkerton	Rotherham Hospital NHS FT
David Peverelle	Barnsley Hospital NHS FT
Chris Linacre	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
Nikki Tucker	Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS FT
Jim Butler	Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS FT
Jill Turner	Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS FT

In Attendance:

Cathy Edwards	Yorkshire & the Humber SCG
Pia Clinton-Tarestad	Yorkshire & the Humber SCG
Frances Carey	Yorkshire & the Humber SCG

Observing

Matthew Childer	Barnsley Hospital NHS FT
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Action**1 APOLOGIES**

Ailsa Claire	NHS Barnsley
Jan Sobieraj	NHS Sheffield
Ian Greenwood	Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS FT
Isabel Hemmings	Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS FT
Tim Fowler	NHS North East Lincolnshire

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 July 2009

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3 MATTERS ARISING**(a) Cancer Services****(i) Head and Neck Improving Outcomes Guidance**

Nikki Tucker reported that the specialist registrar in ENT had now been appointed in Chesterfield.

(ii) Cetuximab

Cathy Edwards confirmed that the policy document for the use of cetuximab in the treatment of recurrent or metastatic head and neck cancer had now been produced. It would be circulated to PCTs for inclusion on websites.

Paul McManus

(b) Stroke Services

In response to queries regarding timescales for approving the hyperacute stroke service model and the cost implication it was agreed that there would be a detailed progress report presented to the September meeting. The report would need to include information about the proposed numbers and cost assumptions.

**Jan
Sobieraj/Sarah
Halstead**

Concern was also raised about the clinical appropriateness and sustainability of the proposed model and its compliance with the national guidance. It was agreed that there should be an external review of the proposals to provide additional assurance the model was clinically appropriate.

4 CANCER SERVICES

(a) Videoteleconferencing

The progress report in migrating the videoconferencing system from ISDN lines to N3, which had been reported to the Cancer Board, was received.

It was noted that the indicative costs had been requested.

(b) Service Changes

i) Supportive and Palliative Care

It was noted that progress against the required national standards, by PCT, would be presented to the September Cancer Board meeting. Further national guidance was due to be published in August.

Kim Fell

ii) Children and Young People

The update on the Children and Young People Improving Outcomes Guidance Action Plan was received. It was noted that considerable progress had been made against all the agreed milestones.

(c) NICE Appraisals

i) Rituximab

NICE had issued guidance on the use of Rituximab for the first line treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, in July 2009. It was

envisaged that 40 patients per year would be clinically suitable and eligible for this treatment. The part year costs for 2009/10 and the full year costs had been identified in the Operational Plan.

5 CHILDREN'S SERVICES

(a) Child Health Review

Cathy Edwards advised that Joanne Poole was in the process of producing a revised discussion document relating to the Child Health Review and this would be circulated in the next week or so. The joint stakeholder event was being planned for October.

(b) Birmingham Children's Hospital Report

Cathy Edwards fed back that Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and Sheffield Children's Hospitals, with Andy Buck, had reviewed the learning from the report. Cathy highlighted three key issues:-

- The need to be proactive in managing capacity and demand
- That Sheffield Children's Hospital would need to review intervention radiology provision
- The importance of the interface between SCH and STH, in terms of shared workforce and contractual arrangements.

It was agreed that Chris Linacre would ensure the relevant action was taking place within STH.

Chris Linacre

Annette Laban queried the timescales for this work and it was agreed that Cathy would clarify this position.

**Cathy Edwards
/Joanne Poole**

6 SWINE FLU: CRITICAL CARE IMPLICATIONS

Cathy Edwards reported that the Department of Health had requested two returns from SHA regions within the last couple of weeks and were clearly concerned that all health economies fully understood the potential implications of the swine flu pandemic and were planning appropriately in respect of all critical care services.

Cathy confirmed that her team was coordinating the work to plan critical care capacity and a Yorkshire and Humber wide task group had now been set up, including representation from each of the critical care, neonatal and children's networks, to take forward this work.

Initial work suggested that Yorkshire and the Humber could at least double their capacity and potentially closer to treble it. Cathy advised that there were a number of significant assumptions behind this estimate, regarding staffing levels and equipment issues.

It was agreed that it would be necessary to align this work to estimated demand levels at some point, to understand the potential gap.

Cathy highlighted the key issues that now need to be addressed:-

- The use of transport and associated transfer criteria
- Prioritisation criteria to support clinical decision making
- Thresholds for secondary and tertiary care for the critically ill child
- Assurance that all acute trusts have the appropriate infrastructure and consumables
- The contribution that independent sector providers could make

Cathy also outlined a number of concerns that had been flagged with the national team:-

- The potential need for national action to be taken to declare a pandemic response and to be advising on outbreak hotspots.
- The clinical concerns regarding the prioritisation of patients
- Potential issues regarding support from professional organisations

David Peverelle queried how the concept of networks working together 'live' would function in practice. It was agreed the Yorkshire and Humber task group would need to consider this.

Cathy Edwards agreed to circulate the latest return to PCTs and Trusts for information.

Cathy Edwards

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

7 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 11 September 2009 in Room 4, the RED Centre, Doncaster