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Minutes of Meeting 25th Apr 2014

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| 1 | <p>Apologies: Matt Riddleston (MR), Lynn Thomas (LT), Jonathan Wright (JW), Janet Hall (JH), Mike Heath (MH), Clive Blanchard (CB), Sue Piper (SP), Dan Matthews (DM)</p> <p>Attendees: James West (JPW), Barbara Edwards (BE), Graham Hart (GH), Clive King (CK), John Lancaster (JL), John Hunt (JH), Jane Dixon-Hodge (JDH), Lydia Rose (LR), John D Smith (JDS), Paul Foulger (PF)</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Minutes from 28th March 2014 Accepted – significant items covered by agenda Q&A response from JDH to be distributed with latest minutes (see attachment)</p> | JPW |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising JPW to send historical version of survey & leaflet to JDH. Actioned 25 Apr Patient Experience Group – Bedside Folder – reviewed by Clive Blanchard & subject to significant restructuring and editing. Latest version to be sent to MECSUG for distribution.</p> | JPW JDH/All |
| 4 | <p>Cancer Services Management Board (CSMB) - meeting 18 April cancelled. Feedback from SP/JPW/CB meeting with Mark Angus & Simon Smith on 11 Apr: Rationalisation of Cancer Services – Ronan Fenton now handling the joint approach with CHUFT & SUHFT but MECSUG being kept at ‘arms length’ at the moment Also noted that Frank Stafford is fighting strongly for H&N but concern expressed about the other Broomfield ‘specialities’ such as Upper GI. Broomfield Estate Configuration to be reviewed in 2014 – will include improvements to Chemotherapy Services – revised configuration to be advised to MECSUG by year end. MEHT Cancer Management to meet with MECSUG quarterly to improve links MEHT ‘5 year plan’ covering patient flows, theatre flows etc being developed – Christine Watts to be contacted re latest status</p> | JPW JPW |
| 5 | <p>Patient Experience Group (PEG) Asked to do MECSUG awareness to Patient Council but incorrect date – follow up with Maureen Hindle (<i>email sent 14 Apr – awaiting reply</i>) Next PEG meeting on 2nd May & - James West/Clive Blanchard will represent MECSUG</p> | JPW/CB |
| 6 | <p>Communications Hospital Radio Public Service Announcement – No progress – GH to pursue Chelmsford Community Radio option. MEHT/Broomfield communications & awareness – see response from JDH 2) above – (note Patient Survey on hold pending return of Lynn Thomas) MECSUG web site – GH on vacation so content will be frozen until 18 Jun Liaison to Support Groups/NSSGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHANGES (Support Group) and H&N NSSG – very positive feedback from new member re escalation of diagnosis to UCLH consultant from Broomfield. Presentation on HPV & Oral Cancer by Sonia McComb well received – offered Sonia contact details for GBHS as it was felt that younger target audience more appropriate. • Upper GI NSSG –the next meeting (annual audit) will be on 13th May. John Lancaster has produced a draft patient survey questionnaire for approval at the meeting. Pancreatic cancer awareness campaign included an E-Petition (105,000 signatures) calling for a parliamentary debate about the need for increased awareness and research.. • Breast Support Group –JPW/SP attended meeting on 16 Apr – will maintain contact via CNS, Heidi Stubbings • H&N Inaugural Meeting of EoE H&N Cancer Network – JPW declined to represent | GH All GH JPW JL JPW/SP JPW |

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| | <p>the EoE but will be kept apprised of developments by Joshua Graham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East of England Citizens Senate – interviews for a chair and vice chair for the Citizens Senate scheduled for week commencing 28 April 2014 (Paul will NOT be standing) | <p>PF</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>CHUFT Update Radiotherapy – Sonia Tankard responded to email re web article: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2604630/Scandal-life-saving-NHS-cancer-machines-lying-idle-New-high-tech-radiotherapy-kill-cancer-effectively-So-patients-denied-it.html ‘For the last 3 months our IMRT has been at over 30%. We have started doing IGRT with fiducial markers and the new TrueBeams will afford the capability to undertake IGRT using cone beam CT. Once the department is all on the new site we will be developing the proposal for SABR and we will need to engage with the commissioners regarding the appropriate tariff. The department has a clinical trials radiographer who horizon scans for radiotherapy clinical trials. The appropriateness of participation in such trials is discussed at the Radiotherapy Multi-professional Team Meeting which is held every 2 months. Although there have been delays, the build project has actually been undertaken in a relatively short time frame from laying the foundations to now. The first group of staff have received their training on the TrueBeams and the second group have theirs next week. The go live date for the first group of patients is the 19th May and we have selected that group in order that we can fully utilise the imaging facilities whilst the trainers from VARIAN are with us during the first week.’ MECSUG visit to new facility on 8 May to be finalised</p> | <p>JPW</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>AOB Cancer Research – Patient Information Portal – MECSUG will continue to be involved in its development by attending sessions at CRUK Islington. Next session 28 or 29 May (to be confirmed). General view is that it looks very promising. GP Referrals - major concern with personal and second hand experience of GPs not recognising potential cancers and referring late to specialists – need support/action from Broomfield to bring GPs up to speed perhaps via PEG & Christine Watts/Liz Towers? Broomfield ‘appointment system’ problems - is wrongly ‘discharging’ patients back to GPs when they have been unable to attend 2 appointments because: a) consultant n/a so saw registrar b) requested a reschedule for personal reasons c) Unilaterally rescheduled by Broomfield to an unacceptable date. It appears these are treated as ‘cancellations’ that are a) not being notified to the patient b) advised to the GP to start the whole process again <i>This is causing significant worry and delay</i> Cancer Partnership – proposed meeting for 2nd July to ‘resurrect’ the old ECN User Group partnership of Broomfield, Colchester, Southend and Basildon with possible extension to other Trusts. MECSUG reps to attend. NCRI Conference (http://conference.ncri.org.uk/) Next conference is 2-5 Nov 2014 in Liverpool. Registration available online. John Lancaster & Clive King are regular attendees at these and will go again this year. NCIN Conference (http://www.ncin.org.uk/) Next conference is 9-10 June 2014 in Birmingham. Registration available online.</p> | <p>JPW/JL</p> <p>All</p> <p>JPW/JL</p> <p>JL/CK</p> |

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| | Haematology Conference Clive King regularly attends these and will feedback to MECSUG | CK |
| 9 | Items for Next Meeting | |

Next Meeting

10:00-12:00 Friday 30 May 2014

Medical Academic Unit, Lecture Theatre 2

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