

**South West Chemotherapy Meeting
22 April 2014**

Notes - draft

1	Welcome & Apologies See Appendix 1	Actions
2	Terms of reference Next Meeting to have webex or videoconferencing available It was suggested that a GP be asked to be a member. HT to consider this	Agreed JM HT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Engagement National Chemotherapy Patient Experience Survey to be discussed at next meeting. Decision on Patient engagement to be taken then. Patients may register as a stakeholder with the National Chemotherapy Clinical Reference Group (CRG) • Research 	JM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oncology Pharmacy Group This Group will meet on same day as Chemotherapy Group • Chemotherapy Nurse Group This Group will meet on same day as Chemotherapy Group 	Agreed Agreed
3	National algorithms	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Policy Liz Toy reported that there are productivity plans being developed by the CRG. This include the use of chemotherapy after disease progression These will be discussed the next meeting 	JM
	<p>The response to the Draft policy by the SW Cancer Network raised the issue of access to drugs for patients , where there is no national policy, but the request represents a cohort decision. It is the view of the Group that the national policy creates a loop whereby some patients are denied a decision. (details in the Network response)</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast & myeloma algorithms There was broad agreement that these algorithms are reasonable but it would be better to include known alterations for certain patients groups (such as those with impaired organ function). Liz Toy has raised this issues with the CRG 	
	<p>Liz Toy also reported that more algorithms will be circulated in the next few months. The process should be complete within a year.</p>	
	<p>Oncologists can register as a stakeholder with the CRG.</p>	

4 **SW Network Protocols**

Jon Miller noted that some of the requirements for protocols (drugs, dosage, days and routes) are included in the draft national algorithms. This means that the additional information required locally is about tests, dose modifications and supportive therapy.

Sue Mulvenna reported that the review of local governance was positive. Sue will collate the responses and share with the Group.

SueM

The site specialisations of local oncologists will be collated. These Groups will be asked to identify protocols that need to be revised, and to sign off the revisions.

**JM
SarahM**

- Network Support
Sarah Murdoch is now supporting the Network one day a week.

5 **Chemotherapy - Clinical Outcomes and Patient Experience**

The National Chemotherapy Patient Experience Survey will be discussed at the next meeting

The group will agree a small number of clinical outcomes that can be reviewed using data from the National dataset. This will be also be informed by CRG productivity proposals and information on the use of drugs funded by the Cancer Drug Fund

6 **Specific Therapy issues**

1. KRAS Testing & cetuximab
NHS England will fund RAS testing
2. Oncotype DX
NHS England is reviewing its policy but at present this is not routinely funded. See discussion on national algorithm policy for comments on NHS England's policy, which is relevant to this decision
3. Denosumab
There is some debate amongst clinicians as to the use of this drug. NICE may also be reviewing its decision in light of the comparator drug now being cheaper (the patent has expired). If this drug is used it is more suitable to be administered in the community (by sub-cutaneous injection)
4. Sub-cutaneous rituximab
Providers will be switching to sub-cutaneous route for certain indications only (led by the where the sub-cutaneous route was tested in a trial).
5. Healthcare at Home
The issues with this home chemotherapy provider were discussed. It was agreed that this needs to be resolved or providers will need to bring this chemotherapy back in-house.

7 **Work Programme**

1. National Chemotherapy Patient Survey
2. Identification of Chemotherapy Clinical Outcomes
3. Revision of local protocols
4. Review of practice against CRG productivity proposals

5. Development of process to move more drug administration into community (eg Denosumab).

8 Future Meetings – confirmed dates:

- 15 October 2014, South West House, Taunton @ 10.30am – 1.30pm
- 11 February 2015, South West House, Taunton @ 1pm – 4pm

Appendix 1 Attendance and Apologies

Name	Position	Organisation	Present
Jonathan Miller	Cancer Network Manager	South West Strategic Clinical Network	Chair
Alastair Whiteway	Clinical Director - Cancer	Northern Devon Healthcare NHST	Yes
Ali Snell	Lead Chemotherapy Nurse	Taunton & Somerset NHSFT	Yes
Alison Hatton	Sister	Weston Area Health NHST	Yes
Andrea Preston	Divisional Pharmacist Haem-Onc	University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT	Yes
Charlotte Overney	Lead Cancer Nurse	Northern Devon Healthcare NHST	Yes
Clare Barlow	Head of Service	Taunton & Somerset NHSFT	Yes
Elizabeth Toy	Consultant Clinical Oncologist & South West representative on the National Chemotherapy Clinical Reference Group	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Yes
Emma Thoms	Chemotherapy Unit Manager	Northern Devon Healthcare NHST	Yes
Geoff Cogill	Consultant Clinical Oncologist	Plymouth Hospitals NHST	Yes
Helen Thomas	Clinical Director - Cancer	South West Strategic Clinical Network	Yes
Jonathan Cullis	Head of Service	Salisbury NHSFT	Yes
Kate Scatchard	Chemotherapy Lead	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Yes
Kathy Beard	Pharmacist	Weston Area Health NHST	Yes
Libby Hardy	Oncology Pharmacist	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Yes
Maria Grosvenor	Lead Chemotherapy Nurse	Yeovil District Hospital NHSFT	Yes
Marjorie Tomlinson	Head of Service	Weston Area Health NHST	Yes
Nyasha Manomano	Cancer Services Pharmacist	Northern Devon Healthcare NHST	Yes
Philip Dunn	Specialist Pharmacist	Plymouth Hospitals NHST	Yes
Rebecca Toghil	Lead Chemotherapy Nurse	North Bristol NHST	Yes
Rufus Smith	Lead Pharmacist	Yeovil District Hospital NHSFT	Yes
Sam Brenton	Lead Chemotherapy Nurse	South Devon Healthcare NHST	Yes
Sarah Murdoch	Senior Oncology Pharmacist	University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT	Yes
Sue Mulvenna	SCN Pharmacist	South West Strategic Clinical Network	Yes
Tracey Williams	Lead Pharmacist	Specialised Commissioning SW	Yes
Alan Leach		North Bristol NHST	Apologies
Becky Bagnell	Haematology Pharmacist	North Bristol NHST	Apologies
Belinda Mills	Lead Chemotherapy Nurse	Salisbury NHSFT	Apologies
Birgit Cloos	Oncology Pharmacist	Plymouth Hospitals NHST	Apologies
Clare Fox	Haematology Nurse Specialist	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Apologies
Debbie Hart	Senior Service Specialist	Specialised Commissioning SW	Apologies

Deborah Turner	Consultant Haematologist	South Devon Healthcare NHST	Apologies
Debra Robertson	Oncology Pharmacist	Salisbury NHSFT	Apologies
Geoff Sparrow	Oncologist	Yeovil District Hospital NHSFT	Apologies
Helen Daggar	Matron	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Apologies
Jeremy Braybrooke	Consultant Oncologist	University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT	Apologies
Khalia Lancaster-Thomas	Assistant Divisional Mgr - Planned Care	Weston Area Health NHST	Apologies
Lyndel Moore	Interim Lead Cancer & Chemotherapy Nurse	Great Western Hospitals NHSFT	Apologies
Martyn Blundell	Lead Oncology Pharmacist	South Devon Healthcare NHST	Apologies
Neil Toghill		Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Apologies
Oonagh McGrath	Pharmacy Manager	University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT	Apologies
Rachael Herrington	Chemotherapy Lead Nurse	University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT	Apologies
Rachel Bryce		Plymouth Hospitals NHST	Apologies
Sarah McGlue	Lead Chemotherapy Pharmacist	Great Western Hospitals NHSFT	Apologies
Sarah Wellington	Chemotherapy Lead	Plymouth Hospitals NHST	Apologies
Sue Watts	Lead Pharmacist	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT	Apologies
Suzanne Wright	Cancer Services Manager	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT	Apologies
Teresa Coombes	Cancer Manager	Yeovil District Hospital NHSFT	Apologies
Tina Grose	Lead Cancer Nurse	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	Apologies
Tracey Cullerne	Modern Matron / Lead Nurse Oncology	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT	Apologies
Cheryl Bradly	Chemotherapy Sister	United Hospitals Bath NHST	
Corrine Thomas	Lead Nurse	Weston Area Health NHST	
Fran Lowery	Cancer Services Manager	Royal Devon & Exeter NHSFT	
Ian Ingeldew	Consultant Nurse	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT	
Jarrold Dunn	Oncology Pharmacist	Taunton & Somerset NHSFT	
Karen Skelley	Senior Sister	Royal United Hospital Bath NHST	
Lisa Nicholls	Macmillan Chemotherapy CNS	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHST	
Nick Reed	Consultant Clinical Oncologist	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHSFT	
Steve Collings	Modern Matron	Plymouth Hospitals NHST	