

**South West Chemotherapy Nurses Group Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Notes**

Present:

Alison Snell (Chair)(Taunton), Becky Toghill (North Bristol), Kirsty Jenkins (Plymouth), Alison Hatton (Weston), Karen Skelly (Bath), Maria Grosvenor (Yeovil)

10.00 – 13.30

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Helen Winter (Swindon), Belinda Mills (Salisbury), Rae Herrington (Bristol), Helen Daggar (Exeter), Emma Thoms (North Devon), Sarah Wellington (Plymouth) <b>Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Update from ASWCS:</b> Capacity and demand planning tools being considered. Incident, closed systems and protocols discussed. <b>Update from PCN:</b> Nil meeting since last SWCN group meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Protocols:</b> SWSCN remain incomplete. All previous ASWCS now using SWSCN protocols. Where a SWSCN protocol is not available staff are using the previous ASWCS. Where neither are available staff are referring to another network, mainly Thames Valley. Bath are referencing the protocol (and version) to be used within their e-prescribing system. Plymouth have protocols for each regimen within their e-prescribing system. Despite ASWCS nurses group previously requesting protocols for checking prior to publication this is still not occurring. KS will raise with Sarah Murdoch. <b>Closed Systems:</b> All centres apart from Bath are now using for all syringes +/- infusions; Weston and North Bristol spikes are being inserted in pharmacy, others are being inserted by nursing staff in the clinical area. Taunton pharmacy are using bags with integral spikes during compounding whenever possible. Bath have organised to see the Carefusion representative next week.</p>	<p><b>KS</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Education and Workbook:</b></p>	<p><b>BM</b></p>

	<p><b>Initial Chemotherapy Competency Package</b> BM will discuss with author of the Wessex Cancer Network package re: SWSCN adopting in future. Awaiting update from UKONS.</p> <p><b>Annual Chemotherapy Workbook</b> 2016/17 workbook ratified by all present. Previous feedback from ET incorporated.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Extravasation Reporting Form:</b> Yeovil are now using the link to North Devon. Other centres have not yet started to use as would like to discuss further with ET. To be discussed at next SWSCN nurses meeting.</p>	AS
6.	<p><b>Roche:</b> Amy Gill discussed Obinutuzumab, Rosalind Bradshaw presented data from Taunton relating to savings SC vs IV Herceptin.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Incidents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weston – Leakage from Surefuser pump x 5, changing to alternative. Extravasation of Oxaliplatin, root cause found to be use of same site for 6 administrations at patient request. In future site to be rotated.</li> <li>2. Plymouth – Disproportionate number of errors on inpatient wards in comparison to Day Unit. Root cause less exposure to chemotherapy. Considering options to address.</li> <li>3. Yeovil – Oral chemotherapy prescribed on an FP10 in error. Oral chemotherapy pathway now in place. Pharmacy picked up an error where a chemotherapy had been approved by nursing staff when instructions by the prescriber stipulated to wait for an updated weight as dose adjustment may be required.</li> <li>4. North Bristol – Awaiting full implementation of Chemocare electronic prescribing, still using some paper prescriptions for chemotherapy. Problem relates to issues recruiting Cytotoxic Pharmacist. Litigation relating to extravasation, case now settled, learning relates to use of sling for patient to elevate arm.</li> <li>5. Bath – Alaris low sorb set splitting when filter attached prior to use.</li> <li>6. Taunton – Extravasation of Docetaxel. KS stated that previously the orthopaedic hand surgery team at Bath had reviewed a similar extravasation and were able to evaluate extent of tissue damage.</li> </ol>	
8.	<p><b>Dates for Future Meetings:</b> 26/10/16 South West House, Taunton.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BM has asked for a volunteer to discuss closed systems at the Wessex Cancer Network meeting</li> </ol>	AS

	<p>04/11/16. AS would be happy to attend but will need to check with her manager.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Plymouth have completed filming for their 4 training DVDs, currently being edited.</li> <li>3. KS will forward details re: the chemotherapy update study days held at Leicester.</li> <li>4. Bath are putting together a capacity and demand planning tool in-house following a work and motion exercise by 4 staff led by the Cancer Services Manager over several weeks. This looked at several areas of practice including chemotherapy administration times, other tasks, time wasted eg rebooting computers, chasing clinicians. KS happy to share this work once complete. Improvements have already been instigated, eg communication surrounding cancellations, late prescriptions, pre-assessment clinic days.</li> <li>5. AS discussed Herceptin observation safety audit data, KS and KJ requested copies of the audit report.</li> <li>6. Bath currently trialling use of BBraun pumps, KS will forward AS contact at Bournemouth who use these pumps to administer boluses as well as infusions.</li> </ol>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p>
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