

## **South West Strategic Clinical Networks**

## South West Chemotherapy Nurses Group Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

## **Notes**

## Present:

Becki Toghill (Chair) (North Bristol) Alison Snell (Taunton), Alison Hatton (Weston), Kirsty Jenkins (Plymouth), Maria Grosvenor (Yeovil), Rae Herrington (Bristol), Helen Winter (Great Western), Karen Skelley (Bath), Clare Rowley (Royal Devon and Exeter), Helen Dagger (Royal Devon and Exeter).

10.00 - 14.00

1.	Apologies: Sam Brenton (Torbay), Emma Thoms (North Devon) Sarah Wellington (Plymouth)	Actions
	Minutes from Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.	
2.	Updates from ASWCS and PCN: ASWCS group met on 25/11/2016 Ali updated that the group discussed incidents in local areas (also discussed at this meeting) Most areas have introduced closed systems with nurses adding in the clinical areas. All areas happy to partake in height/weight audit. Future ASWCS meetings x3 a year with agreed rota of chair. Prednisolone being used rather than dexamethasone as anti-emetic in Taunton due to cost pressures. PCN group not met.	
3.	Protocols: There has been a suggestion that funding for SWSCN protocol work has been extended to June 17. RH will forward e-mail. To date still no-one has received protocols in advance of publication on the SWSCN website for comment. If protocols not available for a specific regime most areas use Thames Valley Network. Plymouth and RDE use own pharmacy departments on e-prescribing system.  Cancer Alliance:	RH BT Email sent

New changes ahead BT will e-mail Jonathon Miller for an update.  Closed Systems: NBT, Weston, Taunton and UHB all using and working well. Bath and Yeovil (using for boluses) RDE and Great Western not able to use at present. AS to send business case to all in Network. UKONS to publish a position statement regarding closed systems. BT to send a position statement from this group to Maria in Yeovil.  4. Education and Workbook: Initial chemotherapy competency package. All areas have/will tailor to own area. Plymouth, Bath and Weston have started to roll out, feedback positive. Other areas going to give recent starters in retrospect. Annual Workbook: All areas allocated questions today. HW will kindly collate questions into template for 2017/2018. BT to send template to HW All completed question to be sent to HW by the end of MAY 2017. To be ratified at the June meeting. Maria – Yeovil Calculations Clare/Helen - RDE Immunotherapies, triage, management and side effects Ali – Taunton Oral chemotherapy Becki – NBT Survivorship Karen – Bath Extravasation Rae – UHB Constipation/diarrhoea Alison – Weston Emesis Helen – GW Clinical trials Kirsty/Sarah – Plymouth Haematology/Neutropenic sepsis. Chemotherapy course: Torbay University – good feedback Oxford Brooks – good feedback Oxford Brooks – good feedback Online chemo course – Future learn. Cancer research UK – Demistifying cancer.  5. Extravasation: Awaiting further discussion with Emma Thoms (North Devon). Nil present at the meeting using currently. All areas report locally only. 6. Capacity and Demand Planning: All areas agreed it was very difficult to predict future capacity. Lots of new NICE drugs on the way requiring IV treatment. Patient group is changing, more older patients with more co-morbidities.			
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	The group discussed regieme specific consent forms	
	written by MacMillan. Starting with Breast.	
	Bath are trialing them	
	RDE trust debating whether to use them	
	UHB/Yeovil not using at present	
	GW going to start using them.	
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8.	Incidents:  A number of incidents and near misses where height +/-weight have been incorrectly calculated or inputted into the e-prescribing system was a theme for many areas. As discussed previously it was though a good idea to Audit this area of practice.  Yeovil – Wasted Herceptin. Plan now to only draw up after patient arrives.  Spillage due to bag not being spiked at waist height(new member of staff) Issues with timing of the pre chemo talk prior to radiotherapy. ?whose responsibility is it when 2 different areas. Capacity issues at Taunton.  Plymouth –Increase in side effects requiring admission post Immunotherapy treatments.  Bath agree and patients requiring extra resources due to ATG and Infliximab.  RDE – Authorisation of chemo when private funding. Issue with Bevacizumab and contraindications as patient previously had a blood clot.  Bath – High dose Methotrexate patient didn't get folinic acid rescue on time. Confusion with prescription protocol. New guidelines of the timings and preparations required to make it clear.  New pumps BBraun – giving sets have longer spikes and have punctured a couple of bags.  GW – haemolysed blood from PICC line  Weston – Cisplatin regieme IV Mannitol had crystallized. Taunton – Extravasation from PICC. Was neo adjuvant epirubicin used Savene but needed plastic surgery.	ALL
	UHB commented on how good the securacath fixation device works. Patients also advised not to knit!	
	UHB – Huge problems with hypersensitivity reactions to	
	Docetaxel. Advice given to pre med with Piriton if no	
	supply problems.	
	Group decided it was a good idea to add an example of	
	incidents to the back of the workbook for learning purposes.	
9.	Bristol – Myers Squibb	
5.	Representatives discussed Nivolumab and Ipilimumab	
	immunotherapy treatment and their patient support	
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	service.	

10.	Chair SWSCN Nurses Group:	
	BT has agreed to chair for this year.	BT
11.	AOB:	
	Pegfilgrastin not funded after 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017.	
	Weston – Peer review imminent	
	Taunton – single nurse checking going well.	
	Lilly diaries – new purple diary with UKONS tool.	
	Immunotherapy alert card – need separate. KS has a	
	powerpoint presentation and will send.	KS
l l	Date of Next Meeting:	AS
	BT to e-mail Annette Mchardy re next meeting. Monday	
	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 requested.	