

South West Chemotherapy Nurses Meeting
1.30pm – 3pm
11 February 2015
South West House

Meeting Notes

1 Introductions & Apologies

Present

Alison Hatton - Weston Area Health NHS Trust - Sister
Belinda Mills - Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
Charlotte Overney - Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust - Lead Cancer Nurse
Emma Thoms - Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust - Chemotherapy Unit Manager
Helen Daggar - Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust – Matron
Alison Hatton - Weston Area Health NHS Trust - Sister
Belinda Mills - Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
Maria Grosvenor - Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
Rachael Herrington - University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust - Chemotherapy Lead Nurse
Rebecca Toghill - North Bristol NHS Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
Sarah Wellington - Plymouth Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
(Job share with Sarah) - Plymouth Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse

Apologies

Ali Snell - Taunton & Somerset NHS Foundation - Lead Chemotherapy Nurse
Lisa Nicholls - Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust - Chemotherapy Clinic Nurse Specialist

The notes of the meeting held on 15th October 2014 were agreed as an accurate record.

2 Update from ASWCN

- Update from ASWCN – Maria Grosvenor now Chair, met 30th January, looked at extravasation policy and raised some work around this. MG to share with group to possibly adopt the policy. ASWCN all adopting policy.
Action: MG to share Policy with Group

- Closed systems and business cases around the ASWCN.
- PGD and emergency drugs – should they be prescribed? Schedule 19 of medicines act can give emergency drugs such as Piriton/hydrocortisone without a prescription. Yeovil to change local policies to accept this.
- Arrest and anaphylaxis only. MG to share emails from pharmacist with group.
Action: MG to share emails from pharmacist with group.

3 Update from PCN

- Closed systems discussion. All trusts at different points. ND rolling out in mid-march, Derriford struggling with Pharmacy.
- Derriford trialled Fanin and Care fusion. Preferred Fanin but expensive. Staff are concerned about the risks.
- Health and safety guidance recommends Occupational health screening for staff giving chemo/mabs.
- Looking at training for Chemo nurses and agreed to joint document.
- Producing DVD for Neutropenic sepsis.
- End of treatment summary – Torbay are doing end of treatment

Closed systems

- Some issues - Fanin too long in vial but bringing in new smaller product, Care fusion cheaper option but less robust.
- Sarah Wellington is writing a business case and happy to share with the group once written.
- Yeovil – looking for pharmacy to take back Monoclonals; however time is an issue as takes long for pharmacy to prepare the drugs and patients have to wait.
- Some research around inhalation of mabs.
- ND now wearing masks when drawing up drugs in treatment area of unit due to one nurse reaction.
- Control of exposure, H and S recommend a closed system from hazardous drugs from May 2015.

- Hazardous drugs list – Zometa - Zolendronic acid and mabs are on list.
- Continue to share evidence and papers produced with groups.

4 Care Fusion Rep (Kevin Tozer) – demonstration of product

Trialled in two sites, Musgrove Park and Derriford.

5 Education/Competencies for new starters

- Nothing produced for this meeting.
Action: carried forward to June meeting. PCN nurses to send local competencies for Chemo to CO so a draft document can be shared and hopefully approved for use at the June meeting.
- Re send the workbooks from ET.
Action: Comments back to CO before end of 13th March. Draft document to all before end of April.
ET's Book usually supported with a ½ day session with Band 7 and sign off as per Peer Review. Peer Review states all sign off by Band 7. Can have mentor for new starters and Band 7 do final sign off.
- Paxman training – good training from the company. There is good website for paxman.
Action: ET to ask Rep to come to next nurses' meeting.

6 Drug Times/Chair and Nurse Times

- Alison's document shared with group.
Action: Please can you look at your times and ensure all send details to Alison.
- Electronic scheduling at all other trusts apart from ND in the SW.

7 AOB

Alison has sent in a questionnaire and would appreciate a response to support her skill mix review.

Need new Chair for Nurses' Meeting after June as Charlotte Overney stepping down.