



Peninsula Cancer Alliance



SWAG Cancer Alliance

Transformation of the SW Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Pathway:

July / August 2018 Project Update Bulletin

Audit of PI-RADs in index lesions: As discussed the ‘Transforming the SW Prostate Cancer diagnostic Pathway Event’, the purpose of this audit is to provide local evidence of the correlation between mpMRI and PI-RADS 1&2 biopsy findings. This will enable increased confidence by clinicians locally that a PI-RAD score of 1& 2 does not require a primary biopsy.

The prostate audit spreadsheet has now been forwarded to your Trust Cancer Manager and clinical lead. Funding for data entry (in addition to that already received for transformation projects) has been approved and will be provided initially for 6 months. The arrangements for transference of funds will be sent to cancer managers on the week commencing 13th August.

We would like Trusts to commence data collection from the start of September (at the latest). Where the pathway is split between providers it is the diagnosing trust that should input the data. For any further information, please contact sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net

Training opportunity: Astellas Pharma LTD have offered to run a series of workshops around Change Management to support us with our Prostate Pathway improvement work. This could be tailored to different group’s e.g. CNS etc. If you are interested please email sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net in the first instance.

Steering group: Membership of the Transforming the SW Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Pathway Steering Group is to be expanded. In the next quarter the group will be looking to propose Histopathology Standards Referral and Discharge Guidance, as well as understand the challenges to achieving the timed pathways.

Project Update for July:

Key achievements:

- **Audit database:** The spreadsheet for collecting local data to audit PI-RADS has been finalised, tested and sent out to Cancer managers as described above.
- **Audit information governance** in the form of Privacy impact assessments have been produce for each Trust and sent out with the spreadsheet.
- **Funding for the audit:** This has been agreed an instructions for drawing down shared the week commencing 13th August.
- **Taunton Visit:** Trust visit completed on Tuesday 31st July

Key Tasks for September

- **Gap Analysis:** The Project Managers for Peninsula and SWAG will work with each Trust to produce a gap analysis and plan on a page against the aspirational pathway and agree local actions and describe issues for escalation. These will be in draft by the end of July.

- **Change Management training scheduled:** Astellas Pharma LTD have offered to run a series of workshops around Change Management to support us with our Prostate Pathway improvement work. This could be tailored to different group's e.g. CNS etc. If you are interested please email sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net in the first instance.
- **Histopathology standards:** Manish Powari and John Mitchard have approached histopathology departments in the region to find out what data items they collect and determine what degree of standardisation might be possible. This will be presented to the Steering group for discussion.
- **Radiology Image Audit:** To be scheduled from September.
- **Discharge and referral guidance:** Clinical reference groups established to draft guidance for consultation with SSG's, LMC, CCG and other stakeholders.

No new project risks

Further information:

- NHS England has published new national guidance on a rapid prostate cancer diagnostic pathway:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/rapid-cancer-diagnostic-and-assessment-pathways/>.

- If you have any questions or would like to be involved further then please contact: Sarah-Jane Davies (Project Manager for SWAG and Peninsula): Sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net