

Transformation of the SW Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Pathway:**October 2018 Project Update Bulletin**

Audit of PI-RADs in index lesions: The prostate audit spreadsheet is now in place in all Trusts across the South West. Funding has been provided for data entry for 6 months. This will record all 2ww patients on suspected prostate cancer pathways from the start of September. Where the pathway is split between providers it is the diagnosing trust that will input the data.

Audit of MRI Images: MRIs from each 15 hospital sites across the South West have been reviewed to assess compliance with PIRADS2 technical criteria and also to assess image quality. The results will be presented formally, hopefully towards the end of the year and feedback given to each site.

Radiology standards: Modifications have been made to the previously circulated South West Radiology Standards for MpMRI Prostate imaging, taking into account recommendations made by the recent publication “National implementation of multi-parametric magnetic resonance imaging for prostate cancer detection – recommendations from a UK consensus meeting, BJU Int. 2018 Jul;122(1):13-25 “. These are now available on the South West Clinical Senate website. The standards will be shared with the forthcoming SSG’s in SWAG and Peninsula and forwarded to radiology leads and cancer managers.

Change Management Training: Synaptik are delivering a free training course to the SW Cancer Alliances. The workshop provides the opportunity to discuss and explore pathway / guidelines and uncover blocks or obstacles in the local cancer service delivery. This might be especially helpful in considering how we meet the timelines to 28 day diagnosis. The training will be held on the 3rd December at Arundell Arms, Lifton (for Peninsula) and the 4th December at Aztec West Hotel, Bristol (for SWAG). Anyone interested in attending should contact Sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net

Project Update:**Key achievements from September:**

- **Audit database:** The spreadsheet for collecting local data to audit PI-RADS is now in place with providers and money provided for data collection.
- **MRI Audit:** This has been completed and results will be available from November
- **Change management training:** dates agreed and training email sent via CCG’s, SSG’s and cancer managers.
- **Steering group held:** new membership includes CCG representation.
- **Gap Analysis:** Gap analysis of pathway against timed pathway (clinical order and timings) produced and passed to CCGs. CCGs will liaise with Trusts to determine local actions.
- **Project plan:** Updated following steering group to include actions until March 2019

Key Tasks for October

- **Reporting of PI-RADs in index lesions:** First report due Friday 26th October
- **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.
- **Discharge and referral guidance:** Clinical reference group established to draft guidance for consultation with SSG’s, LMC, CCG and other stakeholders. Meeting scheduled for 17th Oct.