

PUBLIC MINUTE

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th January

Present: Richard Evans (RE), Nicola Beech (NB), Emma Greenwood (EG), Johnathan Joffe (JJ), Harpal Kumar (HK), Suzy Lishman (SL), Jane Lyons (JL), Linda Pepper (LP), John Reeve (JR), Fran Woodard (FW), Richard Roope (RR), Heather Blake (HB), Kate Lee (KL), Mark Kroese (MK)

Apologies: Paul O'Flynn, Charlotte Beardmore (RE deputising), Nicola Strickland, Delyth Morgan (HB deputising)

Guests: Cally Palmer (CP), Chris Harrison (CH) (for item 2)

Secretariat: Ziede Mesonyte (ZM)

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions

The Chair welcomed the members to the third meeting of the group.

2. Update from National Cancer Director, CP

The National Cancer Director provided an update on progress since the publication of the annual report in October 2016:

- **Strategy funding:** confirmed four year funding for the programme of work.
- **Radiotherapy:** the first wave of investment (£40m) is being distributed to the service before end of March, which will replace 17 machines and deliver some upgrades. Plans to reconfigure service will be out for consultation shortly, a fully networked system will be key to the plans succeeding.
- **Alliances:** the Cancer Transformation Fund (£200m over two years) has been launched and bids received.
- **Workforce:** training of non-medical endoscopists is progressing. Alliances will be used as route to control local opportunities to progress. Every Alliance has been asked to have a workforce plan in place. **Living with and beyond:** April 2018 is the planned date for rolling out the quality of life indicator in 5 health communities.
- **Cancer Dashboard:** they will be looking at the development plan and this will include whether there is scope to expand out to other cancers.
- **Communications approach:** plans being developed for engagement with both the service and wider stakeholders.
- **Patient experience and engagement:** the governance of the programme is being reviewed, and as part of that would be considering patient involvement.

3. Feedback from members

Membership reported back on issues within their areas of interest. Workforce challenges were a common theme. The set-up of Alliances and access to Transformation Funding were seen as positive.

4. Discussion on workforce

Group in agreement that progress in this area needs to be accelerated. Worried that there is a gap in responsibility in post-grad training. Discussion on sonographer registration and why it is not progressing.

5. Horizon scanning

The group raised a couple of issues that could emerge over coming months/years that require more thinking and possible action as part of the cancer programme. It was decided that no action to be taken at this time, but list to be reviewed and refreshed at forthcoming meetings.

6. Update on CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework

The Chair updated the group that recent suggestions to change methodology and process for next year's assessment were being discussed with NHS England.

7. AOB

The group agreed to have a discussion in the next meeting (April) about what we would expect to see in year 2 annual progress report. Group reflected that don't feel there is enough information shared between us on how each oversight group progressing. ***ACTION: Secretariat to liaise with cancer programme management team at NHS England and develop a mechanism for better updates to NCAG.***