PUBLIC MINUTE
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 9th September 2016

Present: Harpal Kumar (HK), Emma Greenwood (EG), John Reeve (JR), Fran Woodard (FW), Delyth Morgan (DM), Jane Lyons (JL), Richard Roope (RR), Nicola Beech (NB), Giles Maskell (GM), Suzy Lishman (SL), Richard Evans (RE) (deputy for Charlotte Beardmore), Johnathan Joffe (JJ), Kate Lee (KL), Mark Kroese (MK), Paul O’Flynn (POF)

Apologies: Charlotte Beardmore (CB), Linda Pepper (LP)

Guests: Cally Palmer (CP), Rob Smith (RS)

Secretariat: Ziede Mesonyte (ZM)

1. Welcome and apologies
The Chair welcomed the members to the second meeting of the group.

2. Update on Workforce from Rob Smith (HEE)
Agreement that workforce should be a key focus, and that there was a need to address quickly.
The group discussed a lack of priority given from providers to workforce. Training issues were mentioned and it was suggested to consider ways of encouraging providers to think creatively.
It was highlighted that some of the issues can be geographical, since it is often not the capacity problem but attracting people to work in certain areas.

3. Annual report update and q&a from Cally Palmer (NHS E)
SP set out that an annual progress report would be published in October, and that this would hopefully include more detail on the investment for cancer to 2020. The annual report would feature detailed updates on the following areas:

- Progress on early diagnosis, with focus on the National Diagnostic Capacity Fund
- Setting up Cancer Alliances (16 Cancer Alliances have been agreed; implementation plans will be developed which would allow to deliver Cancer Strategy locally)
- National Cancer Vanguard
- Prevention
- The establishment of an integrated cancer dashboard

4. Discussion on annual report and AG commentary (HSK)
The group discussed what they wanted to feature in their commentary on progress. For the final commentary please see pg 34: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/cancer-one-year-on.pdf

5. Update CCG Improvement and Assessment framework (HSK)
The group was updated that there is yet no plan for publishing the cancer rating from the baseline assessment.