

Clinical Services Fit for the Future Clinical Services Groups – Summary

Group: Cancer services

Date: 13 December 2012

Presentations

- The national context (Dr Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director)
- Learning from elsewhere (Mr Ian Finlay, Consultant Surgeon)
- Establishing the principles underpinning the future model(s) (Ms Sharon Adamson, CSR Lead)

Workshop 1

Four groups:

- Lung cancer
- Colorectal/ upper GI cancers
- Breast cancer
- Urological/ gynaecological/ other cancers

Facilitated group session to:

- Review the current patient pathways and existing service delivery models;
- Identify the opportunities for change;
- Agree the proposed patient pathway and critical interventions including considering the issues for the service model to support delivery;
- Identify areas where a common approach to service delivery would be useful.

Workshop 2 – Facilitated group session to look at specific areas

Group 1 Emergency care of the cancer patient
Group 2 Low volume/ high complexity surgery/ treatment
Group 3 Palliative care and advanced care planning
Group 4 Communication – joining up care across the system for the patient and managing the interfaces between services

Key tasks

- Consider the models of service required
- Consider the implications for the overall services/ clinical adjacencies that will be required to delivery the service models
- Define any enabling work required to support the models

Summary of findings from the day

- Cancer pathways are basically fine and will be retained, although we desire better input to the pathways:
 - High volume surgery where appropriate. Some specialties would need to be put together to achieve this.
 - Communication issues need to be addressed.
 - Increased attention to community care requirements.
 - End of life care is important and requires greater focus.
 - CNS role is important.

- Following today a rudimentary plan will be produced and shared with participants.
- Cross issues with other groups will be addressed.
- The framework will be tested with wider groups.
- Service configurations and all implications will be estimated.

Next meeting

13th February 2013