

Clinical Services Fit for the Future Clinical Services Groups – Summary

Group: Cancer services

Date: 24 October

What was discussed?

- Cancer issues documented in the Case for Change:
 - 10% more cancers
 - Early diagnosis
 - Skills for delivery of care
 - Integration of acute and community care
 - Potential changes in chemotherapy
 - End of life care
 - Emergency care for cancer patients
 - Interaction with elective services

- Feedback from patient reference group
 - Productive discussion
 - Trade off between local care in smaller units and travel to specialist units

- An overarching primary care session for the CSR will be held in December.

Proposed whole day session for the cancer group. The purpose will be to consider service models to support the tumour specific cancer pathways to:

- Agree what is fit for purpose and should continue.
- Look at areas where we think the pathway and service models can be improved and what this should look like.
- Identify areas where an overarching approach such as for end of life care would be beneficial so we can consider the models of service that would be required to support these areas.

What was agreed?

- Proposed whole day session in December to consider tumour specific pathways
 - Invite larger groups of patient representatives, GPs and clinicians.
 - Start from fixed points regarding future cancer services.
 - MCN presentation of clinical pathways to be challenged within small groups.
 - The afternoon will have a focus on primary care and wider implications.

Next meeting

13 December 2012