

Clinical Services Fit for the Future Clinical Services Groups – Summary

Group **Cancer services**

Date **28th June 2012**

What was discussed?

- Initial feedback on the cancer patient number projections through to 2020 for each of the main cancers.
- Feedback from the information gathered from each of the tumour groups on current services, issues and concerns, good practice and future developments. Upper GI, Sarcoma, Primary Care, Lung and Urology reported back to the group.
- Plans for clinical and patient engagement to explore the different stages of the patient pathways to consider the case for change
- The plans for the provision of radiotherapy in the West of Scotland in the short / medium and longer term

Emerging Issues

- Cancer projections through to 2020 shows that the number of patients diagnosed with cancer will continue to increase. In particular, the number of lung care patients is higher than predicted and the number of patients with cancer of the liver is increasing.
- The number of patients living with cancer will increase due to improvements in patient outcomes.
- For some cancers, treating small numbers of cases, patients are likely to require to attend a specialist centre for surgical treatment to ensure the best outcome
- For some areas chemotherapy provision is likely to change, which will allow more local treatment rather than in a specialist centre.
- Developments in technology will support more targeted interventions.

Next Steps

- To hold a half day workshop in August to consider the common issues arising from the review of current issues and future developments for each cancer group. MCN and Patient Reference Group members will be invited to participate in the workshop.
- To do this by focusing on the different pathways to consider the issues and the case for change:
 - Pre-operative admission and post-operative care
 - Radiotherapy
 - Chemotherapy
 - Emergency admissions
- To review current regional and national developments, and an overview of the current service arrangements
- To gather further information on population health, activity and workforce.

Next meeting: 16th August 2012 at 12noon