

SCN Palliative Care Group

Annual report April 2008 – March 2009

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Agreed by:		Date
Dr Simone Ali	Chair, SCN Palliative Care Group	28.2.09
Caroline Huff	Nurse Director, SCN	28.2.09

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**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF
PALLIATIVE CARE GROUP
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Network Configuration

There are currently 4 acute Trust Specialist Palliative Care (SPC) MDTs in the Sussex Cancer Network

- Eastbourne DGH (ESHT)
- Conquest DGH (ESHT)
- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Worthing and Southlands NHS Trust

In addition there are 10 community SPC MDTs in the Sussex Cancer Network:

- St Barnabas Hospice Community Team (Worthing)
- Martlets Hospice @ Home Team
- South Downs Health Community Macmillan Team
- St Peter and St James Hospice Home Care Team
- St Catherines Hospice Home Care Team
- East Sussex Downs and Weald Community Macmillan Team
- Hospice in the Weald Home Care Team
- St Wilfrids Hospice @ Home Team
- St Michaels Hospice @ Home Team
- Hastings and Rother Community Macmillan Team

In addition there are 6 SPC Units in the SCN and one outside the network boundaries who care for patients from the SCN

- St Barnabas Hospice
- Martlets Hospice
- St Peter and St James Hospice
- St Catherines Hospice
- St Michaels
- St Wilfrids
- Hospice in the Weald

2 FUNCTIONING OF SCN PALLIATIVE CARE GROUP

2.1 Key Achievements reached throughout 2008/09

- St Catherines Hospice, St Peter and St James Hospice and St Michaels Hospices completed their cancer services directory
- SCN DNAR Guidelines adopted by all PCTs through PECs
- 100% compliance on the Palliative Care Group's 1E and 1A 1* Quality Measures and 90% compliance with 1A level 1 Quality Measures
- Well evaluated Palliative Care Group Away Day:
 - National presentation by Peter Tebbit on the End of Life Care Strategy (evaluation: Relevance: 100% mostly/highly; Quality 94%)
 - Update from BHC PCT on their End of Life Care Strategy (evaluation: Relevance: 87 % mostly/highly; Quality 87%)

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- Update from East Sussex PCTs on their End of Life Care Strategy (evaluation: Relevance: 47 % mostly/highly; Quality 12%)
 - End of Life Care in care homes (evaluation: Relevance: 78 % mostly/highly; Quality 55%)
 - User Involvement in Palliative Care (evaluation: Relevance: 84 % mostly/highly; Quality 81%)
 - Payment-by-results and palliative care (evaluation: Relevance: 81 % mostly/highly; Quality 90%)
 - Specialist Palliative Care 7-day-a-week assessment service audit (evaluation: Relevance: 91 % mostly/highly; Quality 100%)
 - N3/COIN presentation by Sussex HIS regarding the project to link the voluntary sector hospices to NHS data (evaluation: Relevance: 71 % mostly/highly; Quality 75%)
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- Review of alternative devices to the MS16a and MS26 syringe drivers. Network-wide presentation of both alternative devices 26/01/09. Decision about replacement now to be taken by the Local Cancer Action Groups.
 - Agreement received from all 4 PCTs to continue the SCN Palliative Care Group to continue Clinical guidelines and peer review requirements for cancer/ non cancer end of life care where there are Sussex-wide issues. Agreed links made between the work programmes of the PCT End of Life Care Groups and the SCN Palliative Care Group.
 - Sharing ES PCTs/ St Wilfrids Hospice work around End of Life Care Education standards for Care Home staff

2.3 Key Challenges met throughout 2008/09

- East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT the only areas needing to complete their website cancer services directory. This is stopping the SCN Palliative Care Group to achieve 100% compliance on their group's Peer Review Measures
- Ensure the group is better represented from non-cancer specialties

3 SCN Palliative Care Group meetings

3.1 Schedule The group meets quarterly, and the 2008/09 meeting dates were:

23/04/2008
16/07/2008
06/11/2008 (Away Day)
26/02/2009

3.2 SCN Palliative Care Group meetings attendance

Attendance is recorded at each meeting and the tables below show attendance for the last 3 years.

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GROUP MEMBERS:

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Name	Job Title	Organisation			
			06/07	07/08	08/09
Pauline Ablitt	Palliative Care Nurse	Bexhill & Rother PCT	0%	0%	0%
Simone Ali	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	Southdowns Health NHS Trust	0%	75%	75%
John Ashelford	Chief Executive	Hospice in the Weald	75%	25%	100%
Patrick Ball	Palliative Care CNS	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust		25%	75%
Chris Banks	End of Life Care Practice facilitator	Hastings & St Leonards PCT	50%	50%	0%
David Barclay	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	Eastbourne District General Hospital/St Wilfrid's Hospice		75%	100%
Jill Beckhelling	Director of Nursing	St Wilfrid's Hospice		50%	25%
Kara Bishop	Chief Executive	St Wilfrids Hospice		0%	0%
Dick Board	Medical Director	St Michaels Hospice		0%	0%
Katy Bontoft	Community Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist	Hastings & Rother PCT	25%	0%	0%
Louise Bradbury	Liverpool Care Pathway Facilitator	East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust		25%	0%
Colin Burgess	Chief Executive	St Peter's & St James' Hospice		50%	25%
Geoff Burgess	Head of Access, Booking & Choice	West Sussex PCT	50%	25%	0%
Barbara Cameron (Retired)	Director of Care Services	St Wilfred's Hospice	75%	25%	
Sue Carter	Lead Cancer Manager	Worthing & Southlands Hospitals Trust	75%	50%	50%
Mark Collins	Lead Cancer Nurse	East Sussex Hospitals Trust	0%	0%	0%
Ngaire Cox	Palliative Care Clinical Lead	West Sussex PCT	25%	50%	0%
Nicky Daborn	Audit Facilitator			25%	0%
Dee Daly	Cancer Services Officer	East Sussex Hospitals Trust	50%	50%	100%
Sue Dewar	Primary Care Cancer Lead	West Sussex PCT		0%	0%
Steve Dyer	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	St Peter & St James Hospice	75%	75%	50%
Lisa Elliott	Cancer Manager	Hastings & Rother PCT	50%	25%	25%
Bobby Farsides	Professor of Clinical & Biomedical Ethics	Brighton & Sussex Medical School	25%		
Suzanne Ford-Dunn	Consultant Palliative Medicine	St Barnabas Hospice	25%	50%	75%
Brother Francis	Paediatric Palliative Care CNS	Royal Alexandra Childrens Hospital, BSUH	25%	25%	0%
Judith French	Community CNS	Hastings & Rother PCT	25%	25%	0%

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Matthew Fry		Marie Curie		25%	0%
Maggie Galletly	Lead Nurse	St Peter & St James Hospice	25%	50%	75%
Linda Garvican	Public Health Director	Sussex Cancer Network	0%	0%	0%
Catherine Gleeson	Medical Director	St Catherines Hospice	50%	75%	50%
Sue Griffiths	Adult Service Manager	East Sussex Downs & Weald PCT	25%	0%	0%
Lorna Hart	Primary Care Cancer Lead	Mid Sussex locality (WS PCT)	50%	50%	0%
Sue Hawkett	Nursing Advisor/ Team Leader End of Life Care	Department of Health		25%	0%
Andreas Hiersche	Consultant in Palliative Care	The Martlets Hospice, Hove	50%	25%	75%
Carole Hood	Community Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist	Hastings & Rother PCT	25%	0%	0%
Caroline Huff	Macmillan Nurse Director	Sussex Cancer Network	100%	100%	100%
Paul Johanson	Macmillan Psychological & Psychiatric Support Project Manager	Sussex Cancer Network	50%	50%	
Fiona Lindsay	Specialist Registrar	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust	25%	25%	0%
Delia Lord	Community Team Leader	Hospice in the Weald		25%	0%
Caroline Lower	Chief Executive	The Martlets Hospice	0%	25%	0%
Hugh Lawson	Chief Executive	St Barnabas hospice, Hastings	0%	0%	0%
Carmel Lynch	Hospital Clinical Nurse Specialist	Worthing & Southlands Hospitals Trust		25%	0%
Nigel Marchbank	Medical Director	Sussex Cancer Network	0%	0%	0%
Helen Moorey	Head Of Care	St Barnabas Hospice	25%	25%	0%
Aideen O'Hagan	Family Support Worker	St Michael's Hospice		25%	0%
Shaun O'Leary	Chief Executive	St Catherines Hospice	25%	50%	25%
Rachel Nassif	Director of Nursing	St Barnabas hospice, Worthing	25%	75%	0%
Leslie Oates	SHA End of Life Facilitator	MS locality and BH PCT		25%	0%
Kristiina Parkinson	NSF Improvement Lead	Brighton & Hove PCT/Surrey & Sussex Strategic Health Authority	25%	0%	25%
Debbie Peters	Palliative Care Nurse Specialist	Worthing & Southlands Hospitals Trust	25%	25%	75%
Celia Pyke-Lees	Chief Executive	St Michael's Hospice		25%	0%

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Kiran Sharma	Acting Medical Director	St Barnabas Hospice	100%	50%	25%
Barbara Shearer	Network Group Manager	Sussex Cancer Network	75%	75%	50%
Ali Strowman	Team Lead, Macmillan Cancer Trust	The Martlets Hospice	50%		
Dr Anthony Smith	Medical Director	St Wilfrids Hospice	25%	25%	0%
Hugh Thomas	Macmillan GP Facilitator	Eastbourne Downs PCT	50%	50%	0%
Lucy Thomas	Macmillan Palliative Care CNS	ESHT		25%	0%
Rose Turner	Chair (until Sept 07), Consultant in Palliative Care	Southdowns Health NHS Trust	75%	75%	50%
Colin Twomey	Macmillan Nurse	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust	66%	25%	75%
Gillian Weighill	Locum Consultant in Palliative Medicine	BSUH		25%	0%
Peggy White	Patient Representative	Sussex Cancer Network Executive Board	25%	50%	50%
Lynn Williams	Chief Executive	St Peter & St James Hospice	25%	0%	0%
Jayne Winter	Palliative Care CNS	ESHT (Eastbourne)	25%	100%	0%
Fran Cross	Nursing Team Manager	Kent & East Sussex Marie Curie			75%
Melanie Southwood	Manager Hospice at Home	St Michaels Hospice			25%
Hannie David	Team Leader	Hospice in the Weald			25%
Mary Williams		St Michaels Hospice			25%
Angela Alleston	SNR CAP Equip Buyer	ESHT			25%
Karen Surtees	Community Mac Nurse	ESDW			25%
Sarah Wheatley	Palliative Care Mac Nurse	ESDW			25%
Andy Burt	Manager	St Michaels Hospice			50%
Linda Henson	Community Nurse Specialist Team Leader	St Peters & St James Hospice			25%
Trish Stokes	SCN Analyst	SCN			50%
Jayne Winter	Palliative Care SCN	ESH			25%
Chris Smith	Nurse Manager	Martlets Hospice			25%
John Davys	Patient Representative	SCN			50%
Sarah Munday	Co-ordinator	Martlets			25%
Peter Lane	Lead Cancer Manager	BSUH			25%

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4 Chair's Annual Review meeting

The chair of the group meets on an annual basis with the SCN Nurse Director who has been designated by the SCN Medical Director to discuss:

- the work of the group over the previous year (annual report),
- the work to be undertaken over the next year (work programme)
- any issues around the functioning of the Tumour Group.

4.1

The Chair's annual review for the period 2008/09 was held on 10th March 2009.

5 Clinical guidelines

Guideline title	Action undertaken	Date agreed
SCN Co-ordination of Care Guidelines (including updated SPC referral and discharge guidelines, holistic assessment guidelines and MDT review guidelines)	Previous guidelines updated	March 2009
SCN Syringe Driver Guidelines	Previous guidelines updated	March 2009

6 Network audit

6.1 Specialist Palliative Care Referral and Assessment audit of lung cancer patients

Network wide specialist palliative care/lung cancer audit was carried out to assess the timeliness of referrals and palliative care team's responses and to ascertain the quality of referral data submitted. The audit was discussed by the group and conclusions and recommendations were agreed at the group's meeting on 6th December 08. The audit findings were also discussed with the lung tumour group on 9th December 08.

The main findings were that about 1/3 of referrals from primary care with only 2.4% coming directly from the lung MDT; only 9% of urgent referrals were made by phone; 67% urgent referrals were assessed within agreed guidelines (2 days); 96% routine referrals were seen within agreed guidelines (10 working days). It was noted that the referral often lacked MDT date or discussion with the patient date.

Recommendations agreed by the group were:

- Feedback findings to lung tumour group (completed 9/12/08)
- Feedback findings to locality groups and identify local actions where necessary
- Clarify and disseminate network wide referral procedures
- Investigate use of Somerset system to improve timeliness and data completeness (project begun)
- Consider re-audit in two years

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7. Patient and parent involvement

Presentation at the SCN Palliative Care Group Away Day on User Involvement in End of Life Care. Patient/carer representatives of the Palliative Care Group supported WASH SPC service questionnaire and started work with St Barnabas Hospice on patient view of assessment.