

East Midlands Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Services Expert Clinical Advisory Group (ECAG)

ANNUAL REPORT

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1.0 Introduction

This annual report relates to the operational period *April 2016 to March 2017*.

Number of meetings held; Two meetings (06.07.16 & 18.01.17)

Attendance at ECAG Meetings:

Meetings had good representation from all areas of the network including Peterborough, Lincoln and Mansfield.

2.0 Key Achievements

- The group have successfully transitioned and are now achieving the new way of working
- Lead roles for the group members agreed. Education (although acknowledged not to be the main purpose of the meeting) was supported. Dr Iwujii appointed as oncology lead
- Completed audit to examine patients presenting with an emergency diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and results presented
- Clinical guidelines were revised & updated with PET-CT & Radiotherapy
- Completed a network-wide patient experience audit (HPB-specific) to examine variation across the network due to low take up of patient numbers through the national audit
- Group work programme agreed and developed
- All Trusts presented a “past”, “present” and “future” overview of their HPB service with the focus being the longer-term strategic direction so the group can evaluate and support, as required.

3.0 Challenges

- To remain true to the guiding principle of the ECAG group focussing on strategic direction
- To link CRG with ECAG strategy
- To accurately identify and correct variations in clinical pathway across the East Midlands
- Improve early diagnosis rates
- Better engagement with specialised commissioners

4.0 Group Priorities 2017/18

- To complete an emergency pancreatic cancer audit across all HpB national centres incorporating significant event analysis (SEA) within the Primary Care setting. Improve early diagnosis from lessons learnt
- Audit cancer pathways (2WW, 62 Day & 31 day). From lessons learnt, ensure that the diagnostics and treatment pathways are equal across the East Midlands
- Build up a network of patient volunteers to provide the offer of peer support (buddies) to newly diagnosed patients across the East Midlands
- Improve recruitment to clinical trials in all sites across E. Midlands

Recommendations:

- Feedback on the Quality Surveillance programme