

# **East Midlands Acute Oncology Service and CUP 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. Two meetings were held, as follows:

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Trust representation</b>	<b>Core member representation</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>	No representation from UHL.	29%
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	All	100%

### **2.0 Key Achievements**

- A new ECAG lead has been appointed in October 2016.
- A new vice-lead has been agreed in February 2017
- The group agreed its key priorities for 2017-18
- The Constitution, Terms of Reference and membership remit were reviewed and updated.
- Network audits were completed concerning neutropenic sepsis and metastatic spinal cord compression (MSCC) and presented to the February 2017 meeting.
- The London CUP Guidelines were reviewed and adopted by the ECAG on behalf of the East Midlands

### **3.0 Challenges**

- Contribution and attendance at the group's meetings has been variable, resulting in key areas of the work programme not being progressed in a timely manner.
- Engagement with medical colleagues due to clinical commitments and the East Midlands Specialised Commissioned Spinal Network.

### **4.0 Group Priorities 2017/18**

- Review and improve the MSCC pathway
- Conduct local patient experience survey audits
- Develop signposting advice and guidance documentation for primary and secondary care

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- Confirm the priorities for the AOD ECAG 2017/18
- Ensure work programme reflects priorities within complimentary work streams (i.e. Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Centres) work in the region