

Oncology services update

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Humber, Coast and Vale

Presenters

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- NLaG – Shaun Stacey
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Working in Partnership

A joint approach will be taken by the following organisations:

- York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (YFT)
- Hull University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (HUTH)
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG)
- NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
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Working collaboratively through the Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance System Board.



Background

Current service provision:

- HUTH provides a range of high quality cancer services for Hull and East Riding patients at Castle Hill Hospital, as well as outreach services agreed with YFT and NLaG at:
 - Scarborough Hospital (YFT) – four days a week.
 - Bridlington Hospital (YFT) – one morning every two weeks.
 - Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby (NLaG) – five days a week.
 - Scunthorpe General Hospital (NLaG) – five days per week.
- All radiotherapy treatment is undertaken at Castle Hill Hospital.



Cancer Treatment Pathway

- Diagnosis
 - Consultation, scans, biopsies
- Surgery
- Oncological treatment
 - Consultation ***
 - Radiotherapy
 - Chemotherapy



Cancer service developments

- Outcomes for patients with cancer are improving.
- Oncological treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy are developing rapidly.
- Patients are receiving new treatments that mean that they are living longer than they would have previously.
- New treatments like immunotherapy and targeted radiotherapy have revolutionised patient care but are very complex to manage.
- More patients are getting cancer due to the ageing population, better detection and better treatment of other conditions.

As a consequence there is much more demand on the cancer workforce.



Staffing

- HUTH oncology team is facing significant pressures in terms of staff sickness, linked to workload and vacancies.
- Advertised vacancies on a numerous occasions during last 18 months with little success.
- National shortage of oncologists and oncology trainees.
- Middle grade doctors are acting up into consultant roles.
- Additional 5.5 WTE consultants are required to cover existing levels of activity and complexity, in line with national guidance.

As a result of these workforce challenges, it is no longer possible for HUTH to maintain a high quality and safe oncology service across the current geography using the current model of care.



Impact on Northern Lincolnshire population

- 267 patients affected (per month)
- Move to a 'consultant led, team delivered' model.
- Chemotherapy will still be delivered at both Scunthorpe and Grimsby.
- No changes to cancer surgery delivery
- No Medical Oncologists outpatient services at Scunthorpe General (SGH) Hospital this will be provided at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital (DPOW)
- Patients requiring specialist in patient oncology care will require transfer to DPOW, Grimsby or Castle Hill Hospital, Hull
- Continued Nurse led outpatients, chemotherapy services, and support for acutely unwell patients at SGH
- Arrangement in place to support people who need support with transport



Patient Centred Approach – Key Messages

Oncology treatment is one element of a whole patient centred cancer pathway. The proposed changes have been designed with the person in the centre to ensure that safe, high quality service delivery can be maintained.

Patients will continue to receive high quality cancer services, delivered by specialised clinical staff as appropriate:

- The changes are designed to deliver safe, high quality care as close to home as possible.
- Services will remain unchanged at Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham and Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby.
- Chemotherapy delivery will remain available at all sites, including, Bridlington, Scarborough and Scunthorpe.
- There are no changes to cancer surgery provision.
- Transport impacts have been assessed and those patients who do not have independent forms of transport will be provided with appropriate transport to meet their needs.
- The transport options will take into account individual patient needs and will include access to patient transport services support from the voluntary sector and taxi transportation



Approaches to workforce sustainability

Across Humber Coast and Vale a Number of approaches are being taken to proactively plan, recruit and retain health care professionals, these include:

- Workforce strategy to support consultants with more highly specialised staff to allow them to effectively direct the care of all our patients.
- Overseas recruitment.
- Tailoring of jobs to make attractive to candidates.
- Working with Health Education England to get more year 4/5 trainees into the area.
- Programme of work in place about promoting what's good about living and working in Humber, Coast and Vale.



Next steps

- Temporary service change due to patient safety to be implemented on 27 January 2020.
- Letters sent to patients communicating these changes from 9 January 2020
- A review will take place after 3 months, led by the Humber Cancer Board – OSC to receive briefing following this
- Monitoring will take place to understand the impact of the changes:
 - on our patients and workforce
 - on other areas of the health system
- Strategic planning required for medium to long term solution
 - A long term strategy for the future provision of oncology services is currently underway as part of the Humber Acute Services Review, led by the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership.
 - Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance is holding discussions with West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Cancer Alliances to explore opportunities for mutual support and collaboration to address the current issues in oncology

