

**Integrated Cancer System, “London Cancer”, Briefing paper
November/December 2011**

The aim of this briefing paper is to update colleagues within North Central and North East London and West Essex on our work to develop an integrated cancer system, *London Cancer*, across our two cancer networks.

As the end of year approaches, we have been busy establishing the structures, processes and roles that will enable us to embed further the changes achieved so far, as well as strengthen and support the foundations of the emerging integrated cancer system. These firm foundations will provide the basis for *London Cancer*'s ambitious programme of transformation and improvement in 2012.

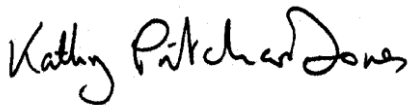
Key developments within the emerging integrated cancer system since the October 2011 briefing update include:

- Approval of the **job descriptions** for the Pathway Directors, and the **Terms of Reference** for the new tumour-specific Pathway Boards.
- Opening recruitment to the post of **Pathway Director** for the *London Cancer* priority pathways: Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Head and Neck Cancer, Lung Cancer; with further expansion to the existing Pathway Director roles in Brain/CNS and Urological Cancers to include Co-Directors from North East London. The closing date for applications was Tuesday 29th November 2011. We were delighted that the advertisements stimulated a great deal of interest from a multidisciplinary field. The recruitment process will include a competency-based assessment centre and will take place in January. Further tumour-specific Pathway Director positions will be advertised w/c 19th December 2011.
- Appointment of three **London Cancer Pathway Managers**, each of whom will provide management support to groups of Pathway Directors to drive improvements to their pathways. The three Pathway Managers have an excellent understanding of the changing cancer landscape in the capital, and of what we are aspiring to achieve with *London Cancer*. Once start dates are confirmed for staff, we can identify precisely how the Pathway Managers will be deployed to work with Pathway Boards.
- Engagement in the process of **defining the commissioning outcomes and measures**, which will be incorporated into the integrated cancer system, and working with our current and future commissioners to understand how *London Cancer* will best serve local patients
- Development of **draft whole pathway metrics for the following cancer pathways**: Haematology, Brain/CNS, Lung, Skin, Breast, Colorectal, Urology and Head and Neck & Thyroid. These are designed to support the Pathway Boards by enabling them to monitor the quality of the cancer pathway, and focus on the outcomes that matter most for our patients. These have been developed through a process of engagement and collaboration with clinicians, commissioners and patient groups. Each set of pathway metrics will be reviewed and refined with the wider professional and patient community in the programme of **London Cancer intelligence pack development workshops**, which are taking place between 12th and 19th December 2011. Measures for the remaining pathways will be developed in January and further consultation events are planned for February.

- *London Cancer* colleagues from **Palliative Care held a successful away-day** on 2nd November to determine the processes and ways of working that will strengthen the relationship between *London Cancer* and the palliative Care community in North East and North Central London.
- GP colleagues from North Central London will be attending a **Primary Care Cancer Seminar** on 14th December 2011: "The Challenge of the Cancer Agenda in Primary Care". Agenda items include an update on common urological cancers and briefing on the UCLH Macmillan Cancer Centre.
- Members of the *London Cancer* team will be attending the 13th annual '**Britain Against Cancer**' conference on Tuesday 13th December at Central Hall, Westminster.

We are delighted to have reached the point at the end of 2011 where *London Cancer* is in such robust shape. We recognise that there is much more to do, but we would just like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all those in North East London and North Central London and West Essex who have lent their support and hard work to the process to date.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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