

London Cancer integrated cancer system

Briefing paper – January 2012

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.

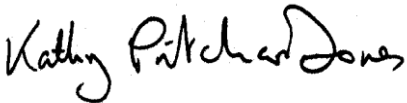

The main developments within the emerging integrated cancer system since the December 2011 briefing update are as follows:

- We have achieved **widespread engagement in the co-design of *London Cancer***, including over 100 GPs, over 1,000 staff and 200 patients, including a recent GP event in Camden and further sessions planned. Development of the *London Cancer* website is underway, with plans for the site to be live by 1st April 2012.
- Work continues to **establish the main governance mechanisms for *London Cancer***, and recruitment to the *London Cancer* Board will begin with the Chair on 16th February. It is our aspiration that the first meeting of the Board will take place before March 2012.
- We reported in the last update bulletin that **recruitment is underway for Clinical Pathway Directors for all of the tumour pathways within *London Cancer***. We were delighted to receive 36 applications from a strong and diverse field of candidates. All applicants undergo a rigorous assessment process at the end of January, including psychometric testing, assessment of leadership skills, a discussion session with partners and an interview. The assessment process is being run in conjunction with a leading external selection agency. Leaders will be selected on the basis of their skill in encouraging collaboration among professionals working across the whole patient pathway, and their embodiment of a relentless drive to improve outcomes and experiences based on an understanding of the things that really matter to patients.
- In December we ran workshops with representatives from nine of *London Cancer's* main pathways - Brain/CNS, Breast, Colorectal, Haematology, Head and Neck, Lung, Skin, Thyroid and Urology – to **develop pathway measures that will enable us to demonstrate the quality of our services, and of patients' experiences along the entire cancer pathway**. Each workshop was facilitated by a distinguished clinical leader drawn from NCL&WE or NEL and attended by commissioners, clinicians, professionals working in public health and primary care, and patient representative organisations. The workshops have enabled us to reach agreement on an initial suite of measures that the ICS will take forward in assuring the quality of its major pathways. We will be running workshop for the final three pathways: Gynaecology and Upper GI (OG and HPB) on Monday 13th February.

- In parallel with the activity to develop the pathway measures, we have been **working closely with Trust information specialists to review the emerging measures and plan data capture**. UCL Partners hosted a successful workshop on 19th January, and a follow-up session is scheduled for 2nd February.
- *London Cancer* is very pleased to have agreed a **partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support** to provide support our focus on early diagnosis, user involvement and Living With and Beyond Cancer. The outcomes of this work will involve giving users meaningful roles in the Integrated Cancer System and engaging GP practices. Project Manager positions for these areas will be advertised on 31st January.
- *London Cancer* was proud to be an **exhibitor at the Britain Against Cancer conference** on 14th December, and was pleased to establish contact with interested parties across the cancer community in London and nationally. We received considerable interest on the day both from contributors and delegates keen to find out about the changes to cancer provision in London.

Finally, don't forget that **World Cancer Day** is on **Saturday 4th February 2012**. For more information, visit the World Cancer Day website at <http://www.worldcancerday.org/>.

With the April 2012 launch date for the integrated cancer system now firmly in sight there is still much to be done. We are very pleased that the Clinical Pathway Directors will be in post at the start of February, and we look forward to working with them to lay the foundations for high quality, patient-focused, clinically effective Pathway Boards for *London Cancer* as April approaches.

	
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