



Wessex Cancer Alliance Board Meeting
Wednesday 20th March 2024, 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Board Members Present

- AWr Adam Wright, Senior Manager (products and programmes), Cancer Research UK
- AW Alex Whitfield, Executive Lead for Cancer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System
- CS Chris Scally, Strategic Partnership Manager – South West England, Macmillan Cancer Support
- CT Christopher Tibbs, Medical Director, Specialised Commissioning (South East)
- DF David French, Executive Chair, Wessex Cancer Alliance
- ES Eileen Stonock, Chair of Wessex Cancer Alliance Involvement Steering Group
- EL Emma Leatherbarrow, Equality and Involvement Lead, Wessex Cancer Alliance
- JW Jane Winter, Nursing/AHP Lead, Wessex Cancer Alliance
- KA Kathryn Armitage, Primary Care Clinical Lead for Dorset
- LD Lyn Darby, Deputy Director Acute Services, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board
- MH Matt Hayes, Medical Director, Wessex Cancer Alliance (Chair)
- NB Nicola Bent, Chief Executive, Health Innovation Wessex
- RR Richard Roope, Primary Care Clinical Lead for Hampshire and Isle of Wight
- RS Richard Sim, Clinical Lead for Cancer, Dorset Integrated Care Board
- SR Sally Rickard, Managing Director, Wessex Cancer Alliance
- SW Sarnia Ward, Clinical Lead for Planned Care, Dorset Integrated Care Board
- TC Tessa Candy, Programme Manager for Cancer and Diagnostics, NHS England (South East)

In Attendance

- DP Daniel Parr, Senior Programme Manager (Planned Care), Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System
- HC Heather Case, Head of Dorset Intelligence and Insight Service (for agenda item 6)
- IW Isabelle Webb, Business Intelligence Partner (Cancer), Dorset Intelligence and Insight Service (for agenda item 6)
- KR Kim Rickard, Deputy Head of Analytics, Dorset Intelligence and Insight Service (for agenda item 6)
- MC Marianne Cairley, Commissioning Manager (Planned Care), Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System
- MM Mark Mould, Chief Operating Officer, University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust attended on behalf of Siobhan Harrington
- ND Nicola Duffield, Senior Programme Manager (Prevention and Earlier Diagnosis), Wessex Cancer Alliance (for agenda item 3)
- RC Robert Chambers, Head of Programmes, Wessex Cancer Alliance
- SM Stephanie Moore, Business Support Assistant, Wessex Cancer Alliance (Minutes)

Apologies

- AG Alex Geen, Head of Cancer Programme, Dorset Integrated Care System
- LA Lara Alloway, Clinical Lead for Cancer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board
- SH Siobhan Harrington, Executive Lead for Cancer, NHS Dorset
- SS Sue Sutton, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, NHS Dorset

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Welcome and introductions MH opened the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.	

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	<p><u>Minutes and matters arising</u> Quoracy – it was noted that there was no exec leadership from ICS / trust from Dorset at the start of the meeting, however Mark Mould kindly joined the discussion to support and enable discussions to progress.</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting held on 11th December 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>Update on actions from last meeting</u> The following updates were provided on actions not covered under the main agenda:</p> <p><u>Private GP providers</u> Communications have gone out to private providers via Dorset and HIOW ICBs and WCA website has been updated. Issue with Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) email address this week has been resolved.</p> <p><u>Right by You</u> Action: Phase 1 final report to be circulated</p> <p><u>Funding release</u> The Board agreed to release any unallocated funding to the ICB bottom line as both systems are projected to hit their performance targets by the end of March.</p> <p><u>C the Signs</u> Evaluation to be presented at a future WCA board meeting.</p> <p><u>Community equality</u> Action: EL to explore potential for Communities Against Cancer carers project to expand to Dorset and opportunities to work with CRUK</p> <p><u>NHS Galleri GRAIL Implementation</u> GRAIL has been re-named to Multi-Cancer Blood Test (MCBT). Tina Heys has been appointed as the Programme Manager for this work. Conversations regarding bio sampling are ongoing.</p> <p>All other actions closed.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>EL</p>
<p><u>2.</u></p>	<p>Alliance Operational Performance <i>Slides attached for reference</i></p> <p>SR presented the current performance data for Wessex and summarised the current risk areas and associated mitigations.</p>	

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	<p>There has been some fluctuation in performance in January 2024 following sustained industrial action and rising new numbers of referrals. The greatest pressure remains urology, but there is ongoing pressure in gynae and colorectal.</p> <p>RS queried whether the impact of the post-menopausal bleeding pathway is due to taking patients out of straight to ultrasound or is there redundancy in the re-built service. SR said a combination of the two has made a huge difference. MH commented that the pathway recommendations that will be coming from the national team imminently are significantly based on the outcome of the work done in Wessex.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the decline of the 28-day Faster Diagnosis Standard (FDS) performance at HHFT and whether this correlates to the launch of teledermatology at the Trust. AW described the measures that are being taken to improve FDS performance.</p> <p>Action: WCA team to review performance and provide assurance to HIOW and regional team</p> <p>DP commented the HIOW ICB urology further faster group are keen to see the report from the prostate deep dive. SR said this had been signed off by the clinical lead and circulated on Monday. MH added the publication of the Get It Right First Time (GIRFT) adjusted prostate best practice timed pathway is expected imminently.</p> <p>Action: SR to send prostate deep dive report to DP</p> <p>AWr shared that Ed Rose, Programme Director of the NHS Cancer Programme, communicated a clear improvement in early diagnosis rates at the HSJ cancer forum last week.</p>	<p>MH/SR</p> <p>SR</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>24/25 Plan for Wessex Cancer Alliance <i>Slides attached for reference</i></p> <p>National Planning Pack RC presented an overview of the national cancer alliance planning pack for 2024/25.</p> <p>All Wessex Cancer Alliance actions for next year are aligned to this planning pack.</p> <p>Focus on earlier diagnosis trajectory RR presented the plans for the earlier diagnosis programme for 2024/25; KA commented on the plans from a Dorset primary care perspective.</p>	

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	<p>The Board discussed the plans and the aim for a 3% point increase in early diagnosis next year.</p> <p>DF commented on the volume of the work plan and queried if the Alliance are spreading things too thinly. MH said the detail represents what is asked of the Alliance from a national perspective.</p> <p>LD highlighted that the HIOW ICB are not able to sign up to the budgets until this has been through an internal ICB process. SR said the Alliance cannot delay their submission but can alert the team that the ICB are still reviewing.</p> <p>WCA will meet with Dorset ICB next week to discuss the details of the budget.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the utilisation of Community Diagnostic Centres capacity.</p> <p>The Board supported the 2024/25 plans in principle with detailed ICB budgetary conversations to follow.</p> <p>Action: DF and SR to review budget sign off processes</p>	<p>DF/SR</p>
<p><u>4.</u></p>	<p>Review of the Non Specific Symptom pathway in Wessex (Rapid Investigation Service)</p> <p>The Board discussed investment of WCA funding for a further 12 months to enable sustainability of the existing NSS pathway and other services and go live of the MCBT Pathway.</p> <p>Comments were made about the lack of an alternative service and concerns were raised about where money is being diverted from and what will happen if ICBs won't fund at the end of 2024/25.</p> <p>The Board approved a further year of funding from the Alliance. Subsequent conversations to follow.</p> <p>Action: Breakdown of costs to be shared with LD, DP and Graham Groves for HIOW and AG for Dorset</p>	<p>SR</p>
<p><u>5.</u></p>	<p>Patient and public engagement</p> <p>ES gave an overview of the WCA Patient and Public Involvement (WCAi) Steering Group and described her lived experience as a caregiver.</p> <p>ES asked the Board to consider what the group can do for them – the group are very eager to be involved and have range of skills and lived experience.</p>	

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	<p>Action: LD and DP to link with ES</p> <p>EL commented on the WCAi group’s work around inequalities. AW commented on the need for patient and public involvement at the very beginning of projects – more up-front thinking.</p>	LD/DP
6.	<p>Data analytics delivery and planning <i>Slides attached for reference</i></p> <p>KR presented a review of the Dorset Intelligence and Insight Service (DiiS) cancer work across Wessex for 2023/24 and summarised the agreed 2024/25 work programme.</p> <p>AW queried whether it was possible for HIOW to access non-cancer data e.g. imaging waiting times. SR suggested a demo of all available data outside of the Board meeting.</p> <p>DF and SW gave positive feedback on the DiiS data and how it has transformed the commissioning of services and conversations with clinical colleagues.</p> <p>The Board supported ongoing investment in DiiS.</p> <p>MH thanked KR and the DiiS team for their support across all the Alliance work programmes.</p> <p>Action: HIOW ICB to follow up with the DiiS team regarding a demo</p>	AW/LD
7.	<p>Future cancer strategy development</p> <p>SR summarised the conversations that have taken place to date regarding a new WCA strategy – patient and public engagement and industry collaboration event.</p> <p>SR asked the Board whether a new WCA strategy is the right way forward as the ICBs already have their own existing strategies.</p> <p>The Board supported the development of a new WCA strategy closely aligned to the two ICB planned care strategies.</p> <p>Action: Alliance to continue to develop new WCA strategy</p>	SR/MH
8.	<p>Any other business</p>	



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	<p>DF informed the Board that the Thames Valley and Wessex Radiotherapy Operational Delivery Network has appointed a new clinical lead – Dr Juliet Brock.</p> <p>MH informed the Board that CS is leaving Macmillan at the end of next week and thanked CS on behalf of the Board for all his contributions.</p>	

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2024, 9.30am – 12.00pm