

London and South East Sarcoma Network Sarcoma Advisory Group

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LSESN Website

Our website www.lsesn.nhs.uk was unavailable for a period of time recently and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. There was a temporary security issue with the hosting environment of the site meaning the site was removed from the internet. This issue has completely been resolved and we will continue to use the site to store all relevant documentation and communicate to our stakeholders.

The trials section of the LSESN website has recently been updated. Please check <http://www.lsesn.nhs.uk/trials.html> for the latest information.

Guidelines and Pathways

The LSESN Referral, Chemotherapy and Follow Up Guidelines have recently been updated. The London Sarcoma Service has developed a pathway for Atypical Lipomatous Tumours. For the latest guidelines and pathways please visit the LSESN website www.lsesn.nhs.uk

Designated Services

We plan to create a new section on our website dedicated to our designated services so that patients and clinicians have more information on where treatments take place across the LSESN.

We will therefore be contacting our designated practitioners in the coming months to ask them to provide a profile for our website.

If you have any other suggestions for our website or how we can better communicate our services with patients then please let us know. gemma.french@uclh.nhs.uk

Two week referral form

The sarcoma centres continue to receive a wide range of 2ww forms. The latest version of the form that should be used can be found on the LSESN website www.lsesn.nhs.uk

The NHS England London Transforming Cancer Services Team are working with trusts to develop standard 2WW forms for each tumour site that will be used across London. The new forms will be embedded into GP computer systems across London and sent to trusts electronically. The SAG is working with the team to develop and pilot the sarcoma form. In the meantime please continue to use the LSESN form on the website.

Presentations at recent meetings

Clinicians and scientists from the LSESN presented new sarcoma research at international and national cancer meetings. We will showcase some of these on the website in 2016

Patient Survey

The Royal Marsden Sarcoma CNS team have recently undertaken a patient survey which replicates a survey previously carried out by UCLH/RNOH. The results of the RMH survey were presented at the SAG meeting in September.



Dates for your Diary

Sarcoma Advisory Group Meetings:

26th Feb, Royal Marsden Hospital
20th May, London Cancer
16th Sep, Royal Marsden Hospital
09th Dec, London Cancer
All meetings are 3 till 5pm

British Sarcoma Group Conference:

3rd to 5th February 2016, Manchester
<http://www.britishtsarcomagroup.org.uk/conference/4551919392>

Sarcoma Support Groups within LSESN:

London Sarcoma Support Group
02nd Dec, Maggie's Centre, Fulham
06th Jan 2016, Royal Marsden Hospital
03rd Feb, UCH Cancer Centre
02nd Mar, Royal Marsden Hospital
06th Apr, UCH Cancer Centre
04th May, Royal Marsden Hospital
All meetings are 4-6pm
For more information please visit <http://londonsarcomasupport.net>

Sarcoma South UK Support Group

13th Jan, Bournemouth
09th Mar, Bournemouth
11th May, Bournemouth
13th Jul, Bournemouth
14th Sep, Bournemouth
09th Nov, Bournemouth
All meetings are 2-4pm at The Grove Hotel, 2 Grove Rd, Bournemouth BH1 3AU. For more information please visit <http://sarcoma-support-south.org.uk/>

For other support groups please visit the Sarcoma UK website <https://sarcoma.org.uk/support-groups>

Diagnostic Clinics

The two sarcoma centres within the LSESN are seeing an increasingly high number of 2WW referrals, whilst the number of diagnosed sarcomas seen at the centres remains around 6% of referrals received (comparable to national data). The SAG has recently discussed ways to manage this increase in referrals with the focus of discussion on the model of 'diagnostic clinics'. A number of successful diagnostic clinics already exist within the LSESN, such as in Sussex and Norwich. The SAG would like to explore whether there is interest to replicate these models of good practice elsewhere in the network. The SAG has identified the areas within the network which refer the highest number of patients and is currently developing a letter and brochure to send to these targeted trusts.

National Commissioning Update

The NHS England Sarcoma CRG is in the process of developing a service specification; further information will be circulated once available. A national chemotherapy algorithm has been circulated to all SAGs for consultation.

NICE Shared Learning Example

The SAG recently submitted an application for a NICE Shared Learning example which has been successfully quality assured and published on the NICE website. Our example will automatically be entered for consideration in NICE's Shared Learning Awards which will next be presented at the Patient Safety Congress in Manchester, July 2016. Successfully shortlisted entries will be notified in early spring.

To read the example please visit <http://www.nice.org.uk/sharedlearning/developing-and-communicating-effective-pathways-for-patients-with-sarcoma-in-london-and-south-east-england>

Cancer Drugs Fund

NHS England and NICE have opened a public consultation until 11th February 2016 on the new Cancer Drugs Fund Operating Model, due to commence in April 2016. The SAG is in the process of constructing a collaborative response. We would also encourage individual clinicians and hospitals to respond.

Audit

The SAG plans to repeat the audit of radiotherapy treatments taking place outside of the two centres, focussing primarily on the timeliness from surgery to start date of treatment. An audit of chemotherapy treatments will follow.

Priorities for 15/16

Priorities for the Sarcoma Advisory Group were finalised at the SAG meeting in September and circulated within the LSESN. The work of all pathway groups is expected to align with LCA's overarching objectives.

Recent Events

Sarcoma Advisory Group Meetings 22nd May and 04th September 2015:

- Peer Review documentation
- Diagnostic Clinics
- Referral guidelines and 2WW form
- Patient Management Policy
- Chemotherapy guidelines
- Follow-up guidelines
- RMH Patient Survey
- ALT Pathway
- Sarcoma CRG update

Minutes from these meetings and all previous meetings can be found on www.lsesn.nhs.uk or are available upon request from the UCLH/RNOH Sarcoma Project Manager gemma.french@uclh.nhs.uk

Soft Tissue Sarcoma Conference:

08th July (Royal Marsden Hospital)
The event was well attended and good feedback was received. RMH plan to hold a similar event in 2017



*We would like to wish all
our colleagues within
LSESN a Happy New Year*