



President: Lynne Faulds Wood
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Multi Disciplinary Team Co-ordinators Conference

'Focus on the Challenges Ahead'

Tuesday 10th March 2009
The Thistle Hotel – Bristol



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NHS090309**

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09:00	Registration & Refreshment	
10:00	Welcome Plenary	<i>The Wessex Suite</i> Serena Hodges
10:10	The Role of Cancer Care, Cancer Services & Clinical Outcomes & NAEDI initiative.	Sara Hiom, Director of Health Information, Cancer Research UK
10:40	What happens to Target Data submitted by Trusts	Dr Jane Hanson, Programme Co-ordinator. The Cancer Services Co-ordinating Group, Wales
11:00	Workshops (<i>Refreshments available in Workshop rooms</i>) 1 Children & Young Persons Cancers - Dr Meriel Jenney, Paediatric Specialist, Cardiff & Vale 2 Hepatobiliary Cancers – Mr Simon Bramhall Consultant Surgeon, Pan Birmingham 3 Neurology Cancers - Charlotte Attwood, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cardiff & Vale	
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13:00	Lunch	<i>The Wessex Suite</i>
13:45	Target Data: Its wider use, performance, submission	<i>The Wessex Suite</i> Di Riley Associate Director, Clinical Outcomes National Cancer Intelligence Network & National Cancer Action Team
14:15	Histopathology – Group session	<i>The Wessex Suite</i> Dr Susan Andrew, Consultant Hisopathologist, Bangor, North Wales
15:00	Break	
15:10	A Patients Perspective	John Pattison, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Haematology, South Tyneside
16:00	A Patients Perspective	Lynn Faulds Wood, Taskforce President
16:20	Closing Plenary	Juanita Asumda
16:30	Close & Finish	

Current Work streams - Updates

- Recruit new members to the National MDT Forum – to include representatives from Scotland
Update: The Taskforce Welcomes Michael Hogg, ss Scotland's Representative. – to continue Recruitment.
- MDT Co-ordinator Qualification/training qualification -
Update: A group which comprises of Cancer Networks, Cancer Registries, Department of Health Workforce Planning, MDT taskforce representatives and Cancer Action Team has been set up to look at the training needs for MDT Co-ordinators and Trackers. A proposal has been drawn up to research what training is already available and how the training needs are delivered.
- You may already be aware, that Prof Mike Richards has emailed out a letter enclosing a link to a national questionnaire to look at:
'What makes an effective MDT'
'How to measure MDT effectiveness'
'What support and tools MDTs might need to work effectively'
'It will provide important information to identify what makes an MDT work well and what support MDTs need. It will be followed by a series of workshops to discuss the findings and consider potential ways forward. A programme of action to support MDTs over the next few years will then be launched' - Prof Mike Richards – full cover letter with link attached at the end of this news brief. Please complete this asap.
- Identify and establish further regional MDT co-ordinator meetings - **ongoing via networks**
- Regular articles in the Cancer Action Team Magazine –
Look out for articles from both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Taskforce in the next issue of the CAT magazine/newsletter.
- Developing the 'MDTC Taskforce' website
Update: The www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/mdt website at present is still experiencing problems with having the MDT section updated. Therefore, it has been agreed that NCIN will host a webpage for MDT Co-ordinators via their own NCIN website – this is still in the beginning stage so please continue to use the cancer improvements website and you will be notified of the new address as soon as it is up and running.

Current Work streams - Updates cont.....

- Address and expand communication links throughout the UK.
Update: Following on from Di Riley's letter to the Network re: 'Raising the Profile of MDT Co-ordinators', (Newsletter issue 2) a generic information pack was put together and sent to the Network Leads resulting in multi disciplinary professionals making contact with various Taskforce members, all eager to support each other with a 'focus on the challenges ahead'

Both Juanita and Serena were invited to meet with both their network leads and their update will be submitted to the Cancer Action Team Newsletter

Plans

To further develop and maintain links with Networks which will ultimately aid the support of MDT Co-ordinators nationally.

MDT Forum Registration form attached at the end of this news brief – Please circulate to all MDT co-ordinators / trackers etc for their completion and registration.

- **MDT Taskforce – Vacant Posts**
At Present there are two vacant posts. An update of the recruitment and re-election process will be announced at the National MDT Conference 10th March 2009



Please forward any articles or projects that you are involved in and are proud to share to:



National Cancer Action Team

Prof Mike Richards
National Cancer Director
Dept of Palliative Care Medicine
St Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge Road
London SE1 7EH

30 January 2009

Dear Colleagues

Questionnaire on Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Development

I enclose a questionnaire that is seeking your views on:

- what makes an effective MDT;
- how to measure MDT effectiveness; and
- what support and tools MDTs might need to work effectively.

The Cancer Reform Strategy issued in December 2007 confirmed that MDT working will remain the core model for cancer service delivery in the future. Focus to date has been on getting the MDTs in place – there are now over 1500 cancer MDTs around the country. However, we now need to focus on how these MDTs are working and what we can do to support them.

This questionnaire is the first step in that process. It will provide important information to identify what makes an MDT work well and what support MDTs need. It will be followed by a series of workshops to discuss the findings and consider potential ways forward. A programme of action to support MDTs over the next few years will then be launched.

It is a comprehensive survey and seeks your views on a wide range of MDT-related topics. It is therefore, by necessity, quite a long document but I do think that it is worth taking the time to complete. There are optional questions that can be omitted if you wish. It is important that we base this exercise on the views of a wide range of stakeholders, including members of as many MDTs as possible along with those that come into contact with MDTs in other capacities such as cancer service managers and cancer networks. I would therefore be really grateful if you could take the time to complete as much of this questionnaire as you can and return it via the web-link or to the address detailed at the end of the questionnaire by close on **Friday 6th March 2009**.

Please feel free to pass the questionnaire on to any colleagues you think might be interested in taking part in this exercise.

Thank you in advance for any insights and experiences you are able to share as part of this exercise. Please click [here](#) to start the survey.

Mike Richards
National Cancer Director

REGISTRATION FORM TO JOIN THE NATIONAL MDT FORUM

Title:	
First Name(s):	
Surname:	
Cancer Network	
Trust	
Trust address line 1	
Trust address line 2	
Town:	
Postcode	
County:	
Daytime Telephone	
Fax	
Preferred email address:	
Job Title	
Department	
Cancer site(s) i.e breast, lung etc.	
How did you hear about MDT Forum?	

Please return completed forms to:-

Suzanne Jenkins
Lung MDT Coordinator
Room 84, Lung Function Department
Out Patients Department
Llandough Hospital
Penarth
CF64 2XX Tel: 02920 715413

Forms can be faxed to the following number: Fax: 02920 716374

If your contact/job title details change after joining the forum can you please inform) Suzanne Jenkins suzanne.jenkins.mdt@cardiffandvale.wales.nhs.uk so the MDT Forum database can be kept up to date and keep you in touch with what is happening.