

Midland Cancer Network 2010-11 Quarter Four Summary Progress Report - 1 April –30 June 2011

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION SHARING

- Midland Cancer Network web based supportive care service directory has gone live and development continues
- Development of a Midland Cancer Network Monitoring and Evaluation Report has been completed. The reference document presents all cancer continuum indicators by DHB for the Midland region and highlights where progress has been made or where additional effort is required. This report has been adapted from the Central Cancer Network Indicators Report, utilising Central TAS to populate.
- Planning for a MCN Research and Audit Sharing Day on 19th July commenced.
- Planning for a MCN intimacy and sexual activity workshop on 3rd August commenced. This is in response to the Voices of Experience recommendation supported by the MCN clinical nurse specialists and radiation therapists.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2: SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT - BETTER, SOONER MORE CONVENIENT SERVICES

- Midland Cancer Network is the lead network to host the National Lung Cancer Work Group and to develop national lung cancer standards (six month contract) 1 January – 30 June 2011. This is a new evolving concept and function of the networks. This contract has been extended for 2011-12.
- The national lung cancer standards have been endorsed and will be launched in August 2011.
- Completed phase one of the early detection of lung cancer with a community based campaign - “cough, cough, cough” in Rotorua. An additional mini media campaign has been run in Rotorua community. Planning to complete staging audit for 2010 lung cancer patients. Final contract reporting to the Ministry of Health has been completed.
- Lung cancer:
 - Planning to complete audits for Lakes wait times to lung biopsy and explore why there is a high percentage of lung cancer patients that are managed via the acute pathway
 - Regional lung cancer work up guidance agreed
 - Lean Thinking applied and improved the regional Chest Conference process. Numbers presented and recorded have increased
 - Lakes has improved primary access to chest x-ray and CT for suspected lung cancer. Access to diagnostic work up and FSA streamlined
 - BOP are standardising the respiratory management of suspected lung cancer referrals
 - Waikato radiology CT/CT FNA initiative completed with demonstrated improvements.
 - Wait times indicators report between critical stages of the pathway has been provided to clinicians and will be made available to Ministry by 31 September.
 - Waikato business case approved for the implementation of a new regional endobronchial ultrasound service in partnership with CD Respiratory and COO. This will have benefits of reduced futile surgery, repeat bronchoscopes, improved staging and care for patients, reduced wait times. Highlighted with Midland GM Planning & Funding for planning management of IDFs.
 - Mini Lung Cancer Conference planned for November 2011.
- Bowel cancer:
 - MCN now has recruited dedicated part time resource for one year to support Midland Bowel Cancer Work Group
 - Bay of Plenty have planned to improve surveillance colonoscopy access as part of the process and successful in obtaining a Health Workforce initiative for nurse endoscopist – recruitment in progress but proving to be difficult.
 - All DHBs submitted proposals to Ministry of Health to demonstrate implementation of the Global Rating Scale. Ministry meeting with Lakes in July
 - Wait times between critical stages of the pathway have been provided to clinicians and will be reported to Ministry of Health cancer team by 31 September 2011.
- Radiotherapy:
 - Midland Radiotherapy Services Plan 2010-2020 development continues. Indication of a possible private provider entering the market needs to be considered as part of planning
 - The ‘rules’ regarding the funding of ambulatory cancer patients requiring MRI when they receive treatment in multiple DHBs has been developed

- Medical oncology / chemotherapy:
 - MCN has recruited dedicated part time resource for one year to support the development of the Midland Medical Oncology Services Plan 2010-2020
 - Still awaiting outcome from the Ministry Medical Oncology Models of Care initiative led by Cranleigh Health
 - Upgrade to Aesculapius Midland chemotherapy prescribing database completed for region to improve reporting and data capture
 - Regional agreement obtained for the network to facilitate a regional nursing chemotherapy certification framework. Draft framework out for consultation
 - Identified the need to standardise use of purchase units across the three DHBs, raised awareness
- Reduction in health inequalities for Māori:
 - The network, in partnership with a Waikato Māori health provider, and the Waikato/BOP Cancer Society has facilitated the establishment of a series of support/education groups around lung and bowel cancer.
 - The Demystifying Cancer Programme/toolkit has been implemented with the Waikato/BOP Cancer Society through community based workshops by building awareness of cultural protocols, delivery of appropriate information and education.
 - Endorsed the business case and terms of reference for a Midland Cancer Network Māori Advisory Group to support the network and/or other organisations work programme. Chair has been appointed and nominations of membership has commenced.
 - Māori community health workers respiratory training is scheduled for July 2011. Training will include lung cancer and respiratory disease education with clinical nurse specialists (lung cancer). It is envisaged that the learnings from this training will be implemented into the Māori community health workers practice and increase awareness of respiratory disease within high risk populations.
 - Supported the National Kaumatua Conference in the health stream
 - Prepared draft Waikato business case to extend the Māori health key worker's scope to include cancer improvement. This is under consideration.
- PET-CT initiatives:
 - Established Midland PET-CT regional variance committee, developed regional database and standardised processes across Midland DHBs
 - Procurement of a Midland preferred PET service provider completed and service commenced. This has resulted in financial savings, reduced wait times for patients and quality of service provision due to standardising systems as mentioned above
 - Discussion with Taranaki about the option of opting into the Midland agreement and the implications
 - Improvements to sending and receiving PET-CT scans and reports between the provider and DHBs has commenced with improved access and turnaround times.
- Palliative care:
 - Midland Palliative Care Service planning continues consultation completed. Rotorua and Taupo sections completed; other areas work in progress
 - Midland Palliative Care Work Group planning commenced for July with national updates from Ministry of Health and Palliative Care NZ
 - A very successful Waikato palliative care hui for Kaumatua and Māori health providers was held at Rauawaawa Discussion for a similar forum in BoP has commenced
 - The network continues to support the Midland LCP facilitators with implementation and monitoring progress
 - Midland palliative care nursing and carer education framework and annual calendar developed. The network continues to support the Midland sector with implementation and monitoring progress
 - All Midland ospices have obtained funding to implement PalCare (patient information system for palliative care)
 - Waikato Palliative Care Service was successful in obtaining and recruiting to a Donny Fellow nursing position
 - Waikato Palliative Care Service has commenced development of a business case for a nurse practitioner as part of a future model of care
 - Provided MCN letter of support to local Māori health literacy and palliative care HRC initiative with Rauawaawa Trust

- Stakeholders are utilising the MCN Consumer and Carer Reference Group on more initiatives which is having a positive effect on all e.g. Waikato colorectal patient booklet, RCC chemotherapy booklet, information for patients on lung cancer diagnostic work up
- Breast:
 - established work group has developed regional follow-up guidance for patients with breast cancer. To be trialled in Waikato July/August 2011.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- The Midlands Regional Collaboration Project commenced with a priority to implement the Midland Clinical Services Plan, coordinating regional clinical networks and assessing the back office and support functions that can be advanced regionally. Midland cancer services is now part of the Midland Regional Clinical Services Implementation Plan 2011-12. HealthShare, an entity owned by the Midland DHBs, is the vehicle for regional cooperative activity. The Midland Cancer Network is the participating DHBs vehicle for cancer service planning and improvement. Effective 1 August the Midland Cancer Network team will move to HealthShare Ltd (excluding the Clinical Director). Waikato will remain the lead DHB.
- Provided information to the Tairāwhiti DHB Tertiary Adult Cancer Services Review (LECG). Tairāwhiti approached Waikato to further explore the feasibility of Waikato Regional Cancer Centre providing the tertiary adult cancer services for Tairāwhiti by 2014-15. The Midland Cancer Network is facilitating this initiative. A project brief was supplied to the Tairāwhiti DHB Board in June and a Steering Group has been established. A final report is due end of September 2011. Central region is running a similar initiative for Tairāwhiti.
- The MCN Executive Group terms of reference have changed to include all clinical work group chairs and the establishment of a Midland Cancer Network Māori Advisory Group.
- New Zealand regional cancer networks received Ministry one off funding contract of \$200,000 to advance improvements in the area of lung/bowel/cancer IS effective 1 January 2011. Clinicians prioritised the option to develop the ability to connect regional multidisciplinary team meetings between Waikato, Tauranga and Rotorua for regional cases. However this is dependant on IS support. If not possible then the second option is to develop tumour stream databases to capture essential multidisciplinary team meeting information. Several 'proof of concept' options to connect DHBs were explored. MCN did this in partnership with other RCNs. It has become apparent that the timing is wrong to obtain committed IS support, therefore MCN is exploring the requirements to upgrade the AV equipment in the three DHB rooms, explore what is required to upgrade the lung cancer database and develop a standardised database for colorectal cancer and improve the functioning of MDMs at all DHBs.
- Waikato Clinical School (supported by the network) was successful in obtaining funding for a 2 year HRC prostate cancer initiative across Midland. The network has assisted with recruitment of project manager, participates on the Steering Group and is assisting with the Māori Advisory Group and providing links to the MCN Consumer and Carer Reference Group.
- The Somerset Cancer Registry Feasibility Study report was completed and made available to relevant stakeholders.
- Midland Cancer Network on behalf of the Midland DHBs has received Ministry one off funding contract related to the medical oncology prioritisation wait times and associated indicator reporting. The network helped facilitate the upgrade required to Aesculapius chemotherapy prescribing software for Waikato and BOP and implement for Lakes DHB. This was completed by 15 June as contracted by Ministry. Since then the Ministry has changed the reporting requirements, the template and introduced haematology indicators. Midland is working with stakeholders to size what is required to meet the new Ministry specifications.
- Health Outcomes International is developing a national implementation plan for the *Guidance for Improving Supportive Care for Adults in New Zealand*. Midland stakeholders have provided significant input into this process. A draft plan is due out to sector for consultation in July 2011.
- The Midland Cancer Network has provided feedback on the National Gynae
- A Midland Cancer Network Consumer and Carer Forum was held in Rotorua at Aroha Mai on 19th May.