

Soft Tissue Sarcoma Services for Adults

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Overview

Report to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Informal stakeholder engagement has been completed
- A proposed model of service for soft tissue sarcoma has been developed by the SCG and endorsed by clinical and patient stakeholders and the National Cancer Action Team
- The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to support the proposed model for services

What is Soft Tissue Sarcoma?

- A cancer that begins in the muscle, fat, fibrous tissue, blood vessels, or other soft tissue of the body
- A rare cancer that accounts for about 1% of all malignant tumours
- The cause of most cases of soft tissue sarcoma is not known. However there are certain risk factors for the development of soft tissue sarcomas

Snap-shot of Current Service Provision

- Plymouth
- Exeter
- Bristol
- London (Royal Marsden)
- Birmingham
- Oswestry
- Manchester
- Oxford

Best Treatment

- National Cancer Action Team's Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG) explanation
- A specialist treatment centre for every 2-3 million people
- Standards for diagnostic and treatment services supported including multi-disciplinary team working

Key aims of new service

- Improve patient safety and survival
- Improve clinical outcomes
- Improve the patient experience
- Ensure patients receive the highest quality soft tissue sarcoma treatment – delivered by experts
- Ensure early and accurate detection and diagnosis
- Ensure the quality of clinical services is the same across the South West

Stage 1 – Proposed

Plans

- Two specialised centres – one in the Avon, Somerset & Wiltshire Cancer Network area and one in the Peninsula Cancer Network area
- Shared Care Model allowing follow up treatment closer to home
- Collaboration across the two Cancer Networks to achieve the highest possible standards of patient care.

Next Steps

- Procurement process through Autumn/Winter 2009
- Stage 2 – Final recommendations to HOSCs identifying the providers for each Network
- Contracts commence April 2010

In Summary

- Expert multi-disciplinary team working
- Well defined care pathway
- Centre within the local cancer network
- Local shared care arrangements
- Collaboration across networks to achieve the highest standards possible

Finally.....

- Thank you
- Any questions?

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