

**Greater Manchester Pathology Network – Priority Action Group – Meeting Notes/Report**

Priority Action Group 1 – HER2  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
 G56, One Central Park, Newton Heath, Manchester, M40 5BP

In attendance			Apologies	
Nick Bullough	NB	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	David Bisset	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Tr
Andrew Cotterill	AC	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	Miles Howe	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust
Laura Kidd	LK	GM PCTs	Roger Hunt	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust
Rachel Pearson	RP	GM PCTs	Keith Hyde	GM PCTs
Susan Pritchard	SP	UKSM NHS Foundation Trust	Neil Jenkinson	GM PCTs
Daniel Smith	DaS	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	David May	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Denise Smith	DeS	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Tr	Mark Pearson	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Tr
Nick Telford	NT	The Christie NHS Foundation Trust	Paul Purnell	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust
Anne Yates	AY	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust	Craig Rogers	WWL NHS Foundation Trust
			Jeff Seneviratne	GM PCTs
			Helen Scott	WWL NHS Foundation Trust
			Malcolm Timmins	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust
			Tom Wilson	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

**Discussion Points**

- AY welcomed the members to the meeting
- **Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009** – agreed as a correct record
- **Matters arising** –
- **Cancer Network** – AY suggested as a formal meeting between SD, JS and the Cancer Network has not been arranged, that a letter should be sent from the GM Pathology Network to inform the Cancer Network of the current situation regarding the change to the number of HER 2 testing sites. AY agreed to draft a letter in conjunction with Jeff Seneviratne.
- **Priority Action Group Issues** –
- **Quality Standards** – AY suggested that all test sites should formally “sign” the agreed standards now they have been ratified by the Board. Any new sites will also need to sign the Quality Standards agreeing to meet the standards as set out in the document. **AY to discuss with JS**
- **Annual confirmation of compliance with QA standards** – AY suggested that for 2010 the collection of information should begin earlier in the year in order to coincide with the issue of annual performance records by UKNEQAS.
- **Local EQA scheme** – AY reiterated that this scheme is now redundant
- **Funding Flows, Costs and Benchmarking** –SD confirmed via a brief report given to RP that there will be no change in funding for this financial year or the next after which it will be part of the patient tariff. AY stressed invoicing arrangements have changed and all invoices should be made out to Oldham PCT. AY can provide details if required.
- **North West Breast Screening Quality Assurance Study Day 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009** – AY confirmed the event had been well attended.
- **Future of the Group** – RP confirmed that the GM Pathology Network are happy for this group to now become part of the Histo/Cyto NAG group and reconvene outside if needed.
- **DAKO Herceptest – Quality Issues** – The group shared their ongoing concerns about quality issues. Wigan are looking to move away from DAKO Herceptest and Bolton are still experiencing issues with variation in Herceptest batches.
- **Any other business**
- **IBMS CPD Certificates** – were available
- **Molecular Services** – SP mentioned to the group that a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 10am with the sites that are intending to introduce molecular services. These sites are currently MRI, The Christie and UHSM. AY confirmed that Salford also intends to and SP offered to forward all the details to AY.
- **Cancer Network External Review of Breast Services** – RP reported that a report of this review has been published which recommends the review of HER 2 testing. RP agreed to circulate this report.

**Actions**

- AY to arrange letter to the Cancer Network
- Pennine, Tameside and UHSM to keep in touch regarding potential start dates for HER 2 testing
- SP to email molecular service meeting details to AY
- RP to issue copy of Quality Standards to all testing sites to sign.

- RP to circulate copy of report on Cancer Network External Review of Breast Services

**Recommendations to the Greater Manchester Pathology Network Board (if any)**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- The group will not meet again and has now been disbanded