

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

Priority Action Group 5 – IM&T
 Monday 16th November 2009 11.30am-13.00pm
 G54, One Central Park, Northampton Road, Manchester, M40 5BP

In attendance			Apologies	
Alan Blackley	AB	HPA NW	John Ardern	CMFT NHS Foundation Trust
Nick Bullough	NB	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Paul Bishop	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust
Dave Hoctor	DH	CMFT NHS Foundation Trust	Alison Cartmill	CMFT NHS Foundation Trust
Sezgin Ismail	SI	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust	Howard Gray	NHS Stockport
Dave Johnson	DJ	Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust	Keith Hyde	GM Pathology Network
Laura Kidd	LK	GM Pathology Network	Neil Jenkinson	GM Pathology Network
Geoff Lavelle	GL	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Owen Johnson	X-Lab Systems Ltd
David Lee	DL	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Tst	Rick Pope	CMFT NHS Foundation Trust
Nigel Martin	NM	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust	Tim Winstanley	WWL NHS Foundation Trust
Steven McCann	SM	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	Patricia Willis	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Tst
David Money	DMo	Assistant Project Manager		
Drew Morgan	DM	X-Lab Systems Ltd		
Rachel Pearson	RP	GM Pathology Network		
Greg Rayner	GR	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust		
Stuart Rogers	SR	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust		
Jeff Seneviratne	JS	GM Pathology Network		
David Slater	DS	Project Manager		
Gary Walton	GW	Pennine Acute Hospital NHS Trust		
Neill Yeoman	NY	The Christie NHS Foundation Trust		

Discussion Points

- **Welcome and Apologies** – JS welcomed members to the group and introductions were made due to the attendance of several new members. JS explained that the L2L and PAG 5 meetings are now held together as it is a better use of time for the people involved.
- **Notes of 14th September 2009 meeting** – agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising. The group worked through the actions. LK to recirculate user guides from X-Lab and to chase X-Lab re: helpdesk process.
- **Cancer Reporting Solutions** – JS briefly explained for the benefit of new members that GR has developed a solution for reporting the minimum data sets by extracting information from Telepath; the solution is not Telepath specific it can be modified. JS and NJ met with Jackie Elliott and Gordon Armstrong and are awaiting a decision from them about what time and funding will be needed to progress the project and roll it out to other sites. GR reported that a piece of work to look at roll out across the Network has been identified, but not yet scheduled or funded.
- Once the project is at a stage where needs have been identified then the Network could bid for finances. SI informed the group that UHSM are currently being pressed into cancer reporting so there is a need for a robust system and explained that UHSM have purchased Somerset Cancer Management system, as have a number of Trusts.
- **Lab-2-Lab Project Update** – DS explained that DMo is responsible for iSOFT sites and DS will be responsible for all other sites.
- DS asked SR and AB to comment. SR reported things were progressing not too badly. X-Lab has still not resolved the issue of spurious requests hitting X-Lab. The checking and removal of said requests is a manual job for SHH. There have been 100 per week and although AB is not receiving these requests it is time consuming removing them. AB and SR agreed that technically everything is fine. Most issues currently experienced are lab operational issues and down time on interfaces. The general message is that it works but there are a number of issues still to be resolved.
- DS explained to the group that he feels there is a need to restructure the project team. The original idea was that this group would be the project team for L2L but in reality it does not meet often enough to resolve issues arising. DS proposes the emergence of a project team per test route as routes are set up. The 2 labs to be involved will meet and discuss the minimum data sets required and then meet once a fortnight. DS feels it is imperative that the project team contains IT and operational members and includes departmental managers.
- The group discussed the contentious issue of collecting patient addresses and clinical information. Some labs need postcode data to produce infection reports for their PCT. DS stressed that these issues around data quality need to be discussed initially by the 2 labs involved. Clarity needs to be gained as to whether a request will be refused if there is no address or clinical information provided. DS enquired if the group had any comments to make on the proforma circulated last week. DS stressed that fields could be made mandatory but that people will find a way around this without providing the correct information. The group agreed to the use of DS proforma with the added caveat that labs must meet initially and discuss individual requirements.

- DS explained that every lab wishing to be involved in the project needs to set up a VPN link with X-Lab. X-Lab will supply LK with a document with all the relevant information to be circulated to all labs within the Network.
- iSoft – SHH and TGH go live within a week. The VPN link at Trafford maybe completed today. Currently work is ongoing to connect Trafford to MMMP for Chlamydia testing. It is becoming apparent that once a lab goes live two accounts are needed (a live one and a test one). A current programme of updates is ongoing for all test data bases and training data bases on all sites. This will be completed by the end of December 2009.
- DS reported that the MRI Apex software is now written and will be installed. DM to confirm installation date.
- Clinisys – 3 orders have now been placed with Clinisys and a project manager has been appointed (Jim Kane). Pilot testing will begin in January 2010. DS asked for a volunteer and Pennine obliged. Wigan and Bolton were happy with this decision.
- Technidata –DS confirmed negotiations around the interface price are still ongoing.
- X-Lab – DS confirmed that X-Lab have recently won the L2L contract for Hampshire and Isle of Wight. York has signed up as an individual lab and other Trusts are looking to work with X-Lab. JS reiterated that this project is a lot of hard work but the benefits are enormous. JS reminded the group that as from April 2010 there will be costs for the maintenance of interfaces.
- Data Sharing Agreements – The group decided it best to take advice from their own Trusts regarding data sharing agreements. Trusts need to confirm if an agreement is needed between X-Lab or between each individual lab. X-Lab confirmed they are looking into the possibility of a single GM wide data sharing agreement.
- GP Order Comms – SR explained Stockport still has an ongoing issue with Microtest which could take another 6 months to resolve. JS asked SR to send all the particulars to LK for follow up.
- DL explained that Inpractice has finally delivered software. Bolton has installed the software at an initial practice and when tested if successful it can then be rolled out to 40 practices for completion March 2010. Bolton confirmed they only have 4 iSOFT sites but they are large sites.
- DS confirmed that the only issues seem to be with the suppliers Microtest and iSOFT.
- SR confirmed that a number of Stockport GP's have written to Microtest. JS suggested that as Howard Gray (HG) is the Director of IM & T at Stockport PCT and also a member of the GM ICT Programme Board it would be advisable to write to HG. The group discussed the potential of setting a roll out target for all GP sites across GM that can be connected for the end of Mar 2010. The only exceptions would then be GP sites without the relevant software installed. WWL advised that they may not achieve this target as from Dec 2009 their Trust is focussing on Trust comms.
- HMD Update – This project is still on phase 1 and is set to go live internally 25/11/09. The Christie and MRI carried out testing last week and although there were some issues with Slidepath they were extremely quick to respond and resolve issues. Final testing will be next week. Again it was stressed that the VPN link needs to be in place beforehand. Testing will be continued into January 2010 and then it will be rolled out to other Trusts. DS explained that HMD is a traffic light system for Histology and that it will enable the monitoring of samples through all stages. The roll out will be controlled through the HISTO/CYTO NAG group.
- GM LIMS Business Case – JS explained that the concept of the GM LIMS project is to assess the feasibility of procuring a single LIMS system for all of Pathology across GM. JS explained the membership of the Project Board – advising that the Chair is Andrew Foster, Acute Chief Executive of WWL. Other members include an Acute Trust Director of Finance, a PCT Director of Finance, a PCT Director of Commissioning, a PCT Director of Informatics and an Acute Director of Informatics. JS informed the group that DS is the Project Manager for GM LIMS and explained the intention to complete a business case by February 2010. JS went on to explain that the Project Team has a representative from every discipline and Trust, covering clinical, managerial and IT staff. A general invitation was issued to the Network asking for any members wishing to be involved, a further 5 people joined the group which is now 25 strong. A total of 5 meetings are planned the first of which will take place on 17th November 2009 at 2pm. JS drew the group's attention to a background paper DS circulated last week. The members of the PAG 5 group were asked to read the paper and confirm that the version quoted for your individual Trust is correct. If not please inform DS immediately for correction.
- DS explained that at the meeting on the 17th November he would be asking members to produce a flow diagram from each lab to show the current set up. DS confirmed that this will need to be completed and brought to the following meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2009. DS appreciated that there will be reluctance to share cost information but stressed this exercise will be confidential and will only require bottom line costs. JS asked the group to remember that CE's have given their approval and support for this work and that no CE has refused to give this information
- **Any Other Business** –
- IBMS CPD Certificates – were available

Actions

- LK to recirculate user guides from X-Lab
- LK to chase X-Lab re: helpdesk process
- DS to amend data quality proforma and recirculate
- X-Lab to supply VPN document to LK for circulation to all labs within GM
- DM to confirm installation date for MRI Apex software
- SR to send LK all particulars regarding Microtest for follow up
- SR to arrange letter to HG re: Microtest
- All members to read paper circulated on the GM LIMS project and confirm information quoted is correct

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

- None

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 11th January 2010, 11.30 am, One Central Park, Northampton Road, Manchester M40 5BP