

THE CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CENTRE TRUST BOARD

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1. SYSTEM WIDE COLLABORATION

1.1 Cancer Alliance

A national announcement regarding Cancer Alliance planning requirements and transformation funding is awaited. We anticipate that funding will be allocated for 19/20 only and will be moving to a population-based allocation, rather than the bid-based approach taken in the first phase of the programme. Transformation delivery will be based on three workstreams; sustainable operational performance, screening & early diagnosis and personalised care.

The NHS Long Term Plan committed to the extension of lung health checks in populations with the highest mortality rates and NHS England has now confirmed that Knowsley and Halton CCGs will be included in the programme.

1.2 T-Cell Therapy

NHS England have invited bids for a second wave of Trusts to be accredited by JACIE (the European stem cell transplantation regulatory body) as providers of CAR T-cell Therapy. This is a form of immunotherapy in which patients' T cells are modified to become better at tracking down and destroying tumour cells. CAR T cells are made by extracting thousands of a patient's T cells, sending them to a laboratory for modification with genes and proteins and then re-infusing them into the patient. CCC has submitted an expression of interest in gaining this accreditation in our Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Unit, part of our Haemato-Oncology Directorate. The outcome is awaited.

1.3 CRUK RadNet initiative

Our RadNet bid to CRUK was submitted 31st January 2019. The bid led by Professor Palmer was supported by the University of Liverpool. The review panel will meet in April with announcements of successful bids in May 2019.

2. OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE

2.1 CQC Inspection

Following the recent CQC inspection, the Trust has submitted data requests and has met all the required deadlines. The Trust has responded to the queries raised by the inspection and is currently working through the action plans to ensure any processes or actions have been implemented.

2.2 Consultant Recruitment

We have appointed Dr Soliman Ahmed, a full time locum Consultant Radiologist since 2/1/19. We have appointed a 12 month fixed term Consultant appointment to radiology commenced 11/2/19, Dr Fjoralba Hysko

Interview for Consultant Haemato- Oncology post was held on 24/1/19 and a successful candidate was appointed.

We are interviewing for 2 Consultant Clinical Oncology posts (Breast/CNS and Upper GI/ Urology), interview 4/3/19 and in February /March advertising for a further 2 posts (Breast/Lung and Lung/Urology).

UoL have agreed to support the funding of a Medical Oncology Chair post in Head and Neck/Immunotherapy with an honorary contract with CCC. This will be a 70:30 split between academic and clinical work and it is anticipated will also support the Liverpool ECMC agenda as well as the Head and Neck Centre.

3. NATIONAL AND LOCAL AWARDS

3.1 National Awards

Therapy Radiographer Sean Ralph was awarded Best Proffered Paper by the judges and Best Proffered Paper by the people's vote for his MSc presentation at the Society of Radiographers Annual Radiotherapy Conference in Newcastle in January.

3.2 Regional Awards

RCNi Awards

The RCNi Awards celebrate the achievements of nurses in all specialities from across the UK. We have submitted three entries for this year's awards. All entrants, whether shortlisted or not, will be notified during April to confirm if their entry has been successful and the awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 3 July in London.

If any of our nominations are successful, the team will have to attend a face-to-face judging panel between 30 April-4 May 2019.

Community Nursing Award – Treatment at Work

Treatment in the Workplace was launched in early 2018. The new service is an innovative way to treat cancer patients and involves highly-trained specialist chemotherapy nurses delivering their cancer in a safe and suitable area in the workplace.

Immunotherapy – Cancer Nursing Award

A new service which involves two dedicated specialist immunotherapy nurses.

Haemato-oncology – Team of the Year

The team looked at innovative ways of reducing usage of prophylactic platelet transfusions, and wastage of platelets.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the positive strategic and operational quality improvements being progressed within the Trust and with the continued support of system-wide partners.