



National Cancer Action Team
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The NICE Haematology IOG

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Background

- Haem IOG published 2004
- Implementation expected December 2007
- NCAT/DH guidance to service
- “Action Plans” returned
- Revision/guidance Haem-Path May 2008
- Work with RC Path

Reconfiguration – general (i)

- Up until December 2008 progress monitored centrally by DH
- Operating Framework 2008/09 asked for “Recovery Plans” where plans not yet implemented
- Twice yearly – informal monitoring with NCAT → Cancer Network + DH Performance & Delivery Team
- Update on progress in CRS 1st annual report

Reconfiguration – general (ii)

- New Coalition Government
- Changes to 2010/11 Operating Framework
- David Nicholson letters on Service Reconfiguration (July 2010) – Proposals to demonstrate:
 - support from GP commissioners;
 - strengthened public & patient engagement;
 - clarity on the clinical evidence;
 - consistency with current & prospective patient choice
- PDT written to all SHA's for update/progress (Sept 2010)

Progress to date

- Networks IOG deemed “implemented” if:
 - MDT structure operational and with full support of integrated diagnostic service in place
- This does not require 100% compliance
- All 28 networks have implemented MDT structure
- 10 networks have implemented Haem-Path. A further 8 should have by Dec 2010

Haemato-Pathology Services

- RCPATH “expert” team working with SHAs/Cancer Networks
- NICE have agreed that NCAT/DH/RCPATH can develop additional “guidance” for the service
- Additional Peer Review measures to be developed for path-service
- Service specifications commissioning framework – to be developed (after consultation ends)
- RCP to establish a network collaborative to encourage development and audit of effective services
- Work with analytical team in Leeds to review economic model used in IOG

Next Steps

- SHA update to PDT
- NCAT/RCPATH to work with non-compliant services
- After White Paper consultation – to develop service specification and framework
- Peer Review – new updated measures in the New Year