

NATIONAL POLICY ISSUES

IMPLEMENTATION OF SARCOMA IOG

The Intentions of Improving Outcomes for People with Sarcoma

- To strike the appropriate balance between local and centralised specialist services
- Changes in the provision of care that will significantly improve clinical outcomes and patient experience
- Improved provision of information at different parts of the patient's pathway
- Sustained development of the delivery of care

Challenges in developing the Guidance

- Managing patients with relatively rare tumours, some requiring very specialised surgery and other treatments
- An evidence base that is not strong
- The diverse group of tumours which can occur almost anywhere in the body requiring joint working between MDTs

Key Recommendations

- Prompt referral for expert diagnosis
- Treatment by a specialist multi-disciplinary team
- Appropriate support and rehabilitation services
- All sarcoma teams to collect data on treatment and care
- All sarcoma teams to participate in training programmes and audits

Two Specific Challenges

- Diagnostic services should be provided in designated diagnostic clinics
- Greater centralisation for the treatment of soft tissue sarcomas

Summary of Providers of Sarcoma Services by Network

Specialist Commissioning Group	Cancer Network (popn.)	Provider of Soft Tissue Sarcoma Services (Site for Surgery)	Total PCT Referring Population to specialist STS services (million)	Average Number of STS Registrations per year
North East	NECN 3.0m	Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Site for Surgery: Freeman Hospital)	3.0	185
North West	Merseyside & Cheshire 2.3m Greater Manchester & Cheshire 3.2m Lancashire & South Cumbria 1.5m	Manchester Royal Infirmary OR The Christie Hospital AND Royal Liverpool Hospital (Site(s) for surgery TBC)	7.0	361
Yorkshire and The Humber	Yorkshire 2.6m Humber & Yorkshire Coast 1.1m	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (Site for Surgery: St James' University Hospital)	3.7	216
Yorkshire and The Humber	North Trent 1.8m	Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield (Site for Surgery: as above)	1.8	131
East Midlands	Mid Trent 1.6m LNR 1.6m Derby/Burton 0.8m	Nottingham University Hospitals (Site for Surgery as above)	4.0	247

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West Midlands	Pan Birmingham 1.5m Arden 1.0m Greater Midlands 1,200,000 3 Counties 0.7m (part)	Birmingham Royal Orthopaedic NHS Trust (Site for Surgery as above)	4.4	326
West Midlands	3 Counties (Gloucestershire) 0.6m (part)	United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust (Site for Surgery: Bristol Royal Infirmary)		33
East of England	Anglia 2.6m	Cambridge University Foundation Hospital NHS Trust OR Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Trust (Site for Surgery TBC)	2.6	178
East of England	Essex 1.4m	London/South East Sarcoma Centre (All definitive surgery to be undertaken at the Royal Marsden Chelsea site and for UCLH/RNOH to be undertaken at RNOH)		92

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London	North London 1.3m North East London 1.5m West London 1.8m South East London 1.5m South West London 1.3m	London/South East Sarcoma Centre (All definitive surgery to be undertaken at the Royal Marsden Chelsea site and for UCLH/RNOH to be undertaken at RNOH)	14.8	442
South East Coast	Surrey, West Sussex & Hampshire 1.3m Kent 1.6m Sussex 1.1m	London/South East Sarcoma Centre (All definitive surgery to be undertaken at the Royal Marsden Chelsea site and for UCLH/RNOH to be undertaken at RNOH)		222

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South Central	Central South Coast 1.3m Thames Valley 2.5m	Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust (Oxford) (Site for Surgery: Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre)	4.2	284
South West	ASW 1.9m Dorset 0.7m (part)	United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust (Site for Surgery: Bristol Royal Infirmary)	2.6	172
South West	Dorset 0.4m (part)	Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust (Oxford) (Site for Surgery: Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre)		22
South West	Peninsula 1.6m	Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Hospital NHS Trust OR Plymouth Hospital NHS Trust (Site for Surgery: TBC)	1.6	124
TOTAL			49.7	3,100

Proposed Bone Sarcoma Centres

- Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital (Oswestry)
- Birmingham Royal Orthopaedic NHS Trust
- Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust (Oxford)
- Royal National Orthopaedic NHS Trust (Stanmore)

Total Population for Bone Sarcoma Centres 49.7m

Update on Implementation

East of England

1. Bone Sarcoma & STS

- All link to UCLH/RNOH. Also link to The Royal Marsden for STS
- Exception is West of Anglia Cancer Network links to RNOH, Birmingham

2. STS

- East of Anglia Cancer Network links to UCLH and The Royal Marsden

3. Bone Sarcoma

- East of Anglia Cancer Network links to RNOH, Birmingham

4. STS Diagnostic Clinics are being set up in Anglia Cancer Network, but not in Essex & Mount Vernon Cancer Networks

5. Some pathways still to be agreed

6. The SCG is working towards an IOG compliant service

Update on Implementation

East Midlands

1. STS

- Out-patients at Leicester and Nottingham
- Surgery at Nottingham only with 2 lead surgeons
- A coherent diagnostic pathway exists
- Pathologist and radiologist with special interest in sarcoma

2. Bone Sarcomas

- All referred to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospitals at Birmingham or Stanmore

3. East Midlands has an IOG compliant service

Update on Implementation

London & the South East

- Good progress made on establishing sarcoma centres and developing guidelines
- Focus now needs to be on formalising pathways and relationships with local MDTs and services
- A pan L&SE network sarcoma tumour advisory group recently established to facilitate implementation

Update on Implementation

North West

1. The North West is not currently compliant with the IOG
2. Work is currently shared between orthopaedic, GI and thoracic surgeons with an interest in sarcoma
3. Surgery is undertaken on more than one site
4. The SCG has commissioned a report on the existing service configuration and working practices for consideration by the NCAT

Update on Implementation

South Central

1. Central South Coast – Bone & STS

- Diagnostic centres in Portsmouth & Southampton
- Link with specialist MDTs at Royal Marsden & RNOH (Stanmore) – needs to be strengthened
- SUHT hopes to develop plans to become a treatment centre for sarcoma – will require development of clear pathways to ensure links to specialist MDTs

2. Thames Valley – Bone & STS

- Services are provided by the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre at Oxford
- There is a clearly defined referral and management pathway for bone & STS

3. South Central has an IOG compliant service

Update on Implementation

South West

- Currently pursuing a 2 centre solution via competitive procurement
I.e. 1 based in ASW, the other in the Peninsula
- Hope to award contracts in May 2010

Update on Implementation

Yorkshire & Humber

1. North Trent Cancer Network

- Making excellent progress to becoming an IOG compliant service
- A number of additional oncology sessions are planned for next year
- The team has an excellent reputation for sarcoma research

2. Humber & Yorkshire Coast and Yorkshire Cancer Network

- Have been delays in implementing joint working arrangements between the 2 networks
- External review of the HYCCN service has been proposed – to consider the viability and sustainability of a Hull based service
- YCN needs support to progress its plan

Update on Implementation

North of England

- There is a well established multi-disciplinary team, which meets weekly and coordinates the care of patients with bone and soft tissue sarcomas
- There is a close relationship with the North of England Cancer Network in terms of how investigation and treatment are coordinated
- There is access to a specialist Musculoskeletal Pathologist but there is a requirement for an additional Musculoskeletal Radiologist. Process within Trust underway
- The MDT manages in excess of the minimum number (specified by NICE) of patients with bone and soft tissue sarcomas per year. Retroperitoneal sarcomas are recorded as a separate group and not included in the annual total of soft tissue sarcomas.

Some Outstanding Issues

- What degree of confidence is there in progress being made in implementation
- Issue of consistency in agreeing level of compliance
- Work still to be done on agreeing pathways
- Varying degrees of progress in establishing designated diagnostic clinics
- Still work to be completed on agreeing an implementation summary in 2 patches