



## NATIONAL MDT CO-ORDINATORS

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C - Come and share ideas  
C - Come and make a difference

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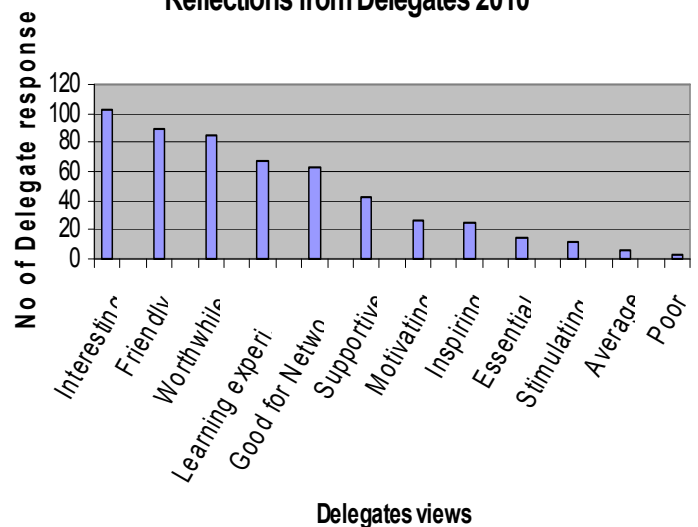
## NATIONAL MDT CO-ORDINATORS CONFERENCE 2010

### Evaluation Report

#### Delegates' reflections

**Overview** Evaluations from delegates at previous conferences showed that there were three descriptions that stood out. These were 'friendly', 'worthwhile' and 'interesting'. Evaluations from delegates following the 2010 conference showed that this overall trend has not changed with the view that the conference was 'interesting' claiming the highest number of responses as previously. The view that the conference was 'good for networking' and a 'learning experience' also received a high response rate from delegates.

Reflections from Delegates 2010



## What have you learnt today that you will do tomorrow?

Here are a few of your comments;

- Greater Upper GI knowledge
- Look into training package
- Check tumour groups referrals, GP faxes & psychiatrist information
- Knowledge from Urology Workshop
- Consider modifying MDT minutes to include decision made, decision agreed and treatment plan
- Discuss importance of survey with colleagues
- Peer review and my role within this. Qualifications/accreditation for MDT co-ordinators
- Share with other members of the team developments in pipeline
- Be more assertive in MDT, more confident
- Understanding more about bladder cancers and grading
- Good time management
- UGI Staging
- Understanding grading of Urology tumours
- Some support is on its way – support by volunteering
- Learn more about the audits I should be involved with.
- To be more confident that I am doing a 'good' job.
- Be more assertive about the MDT co-ordinators' role
- Outline patient history and treatment better on MDT sheets for meeting
- That through all our work we enable essential collection of data to reflect patients treatment care plans.
- A better understanding of bladder + prostate grading
- I have gained some knowledge in Urology to help with the MDT
- Need more support before taking on more work
- To actually realize how worthwhile my job is.
- To keep telling myself that I am a core member of the MDT
- Pursue qualification
- Get to know more MDT co-ordinators and think of ways of supporting them.
- I have become more aware of my role – (I am quite new)
- To be more confident in my role as I am a core member of the MDT team and without my input the MDT may not run
- Positive changes to the structure and management of the meeting together with confidence in being a core member.
- I have more understanding of urological issues and can streamline my preparation.
- Organization. More service improvement meetings
- Read characteristics of an effective MDT!
- A better understanding of MDT to help me in my job.
- Places/websites to gain more information
- Compare the running of my MDT with information given.
- Network more
- Look up NCIN documents
- Be more patient focused
- Be more interactive at an MDT meeting

## Summary and Conclusions

In total 148 evaluation forms were completed by delegates from across the United Kingdom accounting for approximately 67% of total attendance. The overall impression is a positive one with confirmation that delegates continue to find this event 'friendly, worthwhile and interesting'.

89% of delegates agreed that they were better informed about MDTs and cancer NHS initiatives following the event

The Urology and the Upper GI tumour site workshops were extremely well received and it would appear that Co-ordinators would like to see more tumour site workshops at future events.

The presentations on training and MDT development were overall well received with mutual agreement that training is both fundamental and necessary if the role is to continue to develop

From the comments received regarding 'topics' for future events it is clear that MDT co-ordinators would like to include:-

- More tumour site workshops
- Information on cancer waiting times
- Peer review & audit

96% of delegates agreed that they would recommend this event to colleagues with 97% confirming they would be interested in attending future MDT events/conferences.

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## MDT conference experience

**Location:** Renaissance Hotel, Heathrow

The venue was a great choice, easy to find & a good central point to all attendees. The conference was easy to spot once in the hotel & was well organised.

Prior to the welcome plenary we had the chance to meet up with other co-ordinators from our network, I felt that this was a great opportunity and gave us a proper chance to get to know each other better.

**Workshops:** For me the highlight of the day was the Oesophago-Gastric workshop, not only because this is the tumour site that I work with but because it was informative, easy to listen to & presented exceptionally well. I found that I learnt a lot which surprised me as I've been working with Upper GI for the last 2 years and thought I'd just about gotten my head around it all. It just goes to show that you learn something new everyday.

**Best bit:** "A day in the life of an MDT Co-ordinator".

Although this was a bit of fun it was great to see so many nodding heads, it gave a great insight into how our teams & managers perceive the workload of an MDT Co-ordinator. I thought that Carol presented it exceptionally well.

**The future:** I was pleasantly surprised about the ideas for future training. Although this was received as a bit of a mixed reaction from the room I believe that this can only be a good thing. The role of the MDT Co-ordinator has to be one of the most complex jobs to explain to somebody. In my opinion a fully developed training scheme would be beneficial to all; paired together with the MDT forum this will give us a really good support system.

Overall I thought the day was a great experience.

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**National MDT Coordinators Conference**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**  
**Renaissance Hotel Heathrow**

This was the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MDT Coordinators Conference and yet again provided an interesting and varied programme.

The first speaker of the day was Simon Oberst, Director of Improving Cancer Services from Macmillan Cancer Support who talked about the importance of data collection and analysis in order to provide information on areas such as disease prevalence and survivorship and it was interesting to hear that there are currently 2 million cancer survivors and this figure is set to rise dramatically. This was followed by an equally informative session by Bev Meenan on Living with and Beyond Cancer.

As always the programme for the day is dictated by suggestions from MDT coordinators and from the previous year's evaluation forms and so the workshops on offer at this event were Oesophago-Gastric, Urology and Sharing Good Practice. I attended the Urology workshop run by Mr Derek Fawcett, Consultant Urological Surgeon at RBH. This was pitched at entry level for those without much prior knowledge of the cancer site and I found I learnt a lot from it and it was very interesting as were the questions and answers following it.

The second workshop I attended was the Sharing Good practice which used as a guide the document "Characteristics of an Effective MDT" produced by NCAT as a result of the recent questionnaire and workshops and this workshop took the form of a brainstorming session for good practice ideas. This document also featured in one of the afternoon presentations by Cheryl Cavanagh from NCAT.

After a tasty and well presented lunch we reconvened for the afternoon session. The first session was "A Day in the Life of an MDT Coordinator" by Carol Rotherham, MDT Coordinator for Urology in Stockport. What can I say? She was absolutely brilliant; self-deprecating, funny, insightful and with perfect comic timing – she should actually be on the stage as a comedienne but she made her point and all of us who are or who have been MDT Coordinators could perfectly identify with the comments she was making, the audience was actually laughing out loud. One of the best presentations by someone, who claimed at the beginning to be very nervous, that I have heard.

Di Riley, Associate Director from NCIN and NCAT and the mentor of the MDT Coordinators Forum then provided a detailed outline of the proposed training package for MDT coordinators and UKACR staff. Space does not permit me to cover this in detail but the developments sound very exciting and I'm sure MDT staff will be hearing a lot about this in the near future from the Forum team.

The afternoon was rounded off with an explanation of how the National MDT Forum (previously Taskforce) has been rebranded with an appeal for new members to fill the current vacancies. As a previous Taskforce member and MDT coordinator I would urge anyone who is tempted to get involved and help to make a difference.

Altogether a very informative and professionally organised Conference. Roll on next year !!

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# MDT/Registry Training Package & Accreditation

## Update

In 2009 Tribal were commissioned by the IODT working group to undertake a review of requirements which further supported these recommendations. Three main work areas were identified:

- to develop a National (UK) infrastructure to deliver and oversee a course
- to assess the feasibility to gain national accreditation or qualification
- to develop course content & options for delivery ( key learning areas were identified)

In parallel it was understood that the Intercollegiate Cancer Committee of the Academy of the Medical Royal Colleges had begun work with the DH *e-Learning for Healthcare* team to develop an e-learning package for MDTs. This package contains some, though not all of the modules identified by the IODT Working Group which would be required by MDT Coordinators and UKACR Staff. Following discussion with the DH *e-Learning for Healthcare* team, the IODT Working Group successfully applied to develop an e-learning package which would dovetail with other related initiatives

### **Current Position:**

The IODT Working Group agreed that whilst it is crucial to develop the appropriate training infrastructure, the offer from the DH *e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH)* team has resulted in the following strategic plan being proposed which currently has funding allocated to it & which focuses on the 3 main work areas identified above.

Proposal 1: Discussions are ongoing with NCAT to work collaboratively with their Advanced Communications Skills Team (ACST), to develop the overarching infrastructure to deliver and oversee the uptake of training, establish the appropriate training methods required – through a blended personalised learning approach, and address the topic of accreditation and qualification. This team has the necessary skills and experience in education for this. There is much optimism from all parties for this approach to be agreed, and a meeting is scheduled for June 8th to take this forward. Dedicated funding for this work has been identified by NCIN.

Proposal 2: As it will take some time to deliver work areas 1 & 3 plus the immediate need for consistent training for all MDT Coordinators & Registry staff across the UK, the IODT working group propose working with the DH e-LfH team to develop an e-learning package for all interested staff groups.

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#### 4. MISSION STATEMENT

As the National Cancer MDT Co-ordinators Forum, we provide a national voice to inform, support and motivate fellow co-ordinators, to bring professional recognition to the role and contribute to improving the patient pathway.

##### Current Work streams:-

- MDT Co-ordinators Conference – 2010
- Recruit new members to the National MDT Forum Group **on-going**
- MDT Co-ordinator / Cancer Registries Qualification/training qualification - **To be updated at the National MDT Conference – March 2010**
- Identify and establish further regional MDT co-ordinator meetings – **on-going**
- Address and expand communication links throughout the UK – **on-going**
- Regular articles in the Cancer Action Team Magazine – **continually on-going**
- Developing the 'MDTC Forum Group website **Is now set up and running.....[NCIN.org.iuk](http://NCIN.org.iuk) – Tumour sites then MDT co-ordinators**
- To further develop and maintain links with Networks which will ultimately aid the support of MDT Co-ordinators Nationally - **On-going**

**Please forward any articles or projects that you are involved in and are proud to share to:**

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***YOU could be just the person we are looking for:***

1. **Do you enjoy being an MDT Cancer Co-ordinator?**
2. **Would you like to make a difference to the role?**
3. **Can you see yourself working with other Co-ordinators to promote the role nationally?**
4. **Are you someone who enjoys a challenge?**

**If you have answered 'Yes' to the questions above the MDT Taskforce Group has vacancies in the following regions and would love to hear from you:**

- **Yorkshire and the Humber – covering the Yorkshire and Humber and Yorkshire Coast CNs**
- **East of England – covering Anglia, Essex and Mount Vernon CNs**
- **Scotland**
- **London – covering North London, NE London, SE London and West London CNs**

**Please e-mail [juanita.asumda@nhs.net](mailto:juanita.asumda@nhs.net) or any Forum members giving a few brief details about yourself and your current role.**

##### **USEFUL WEBSITES:**

[www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/mdt](http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/mdt).  
[www.cancer.nhs.uk](http://www.cancer.nhs.uk) - cancer plan.  
[www.ukacr.org](http://www.ukacr.org) – UK ass. of Cancer Registries  
[www.dh.gov.uk/waitingtimes](http://www.dh.gov.uk/waitingtimes) [www.NCIN.org.UK](http://www.NCIN.org.UK)

## EVENTS & CANCER DIARY 2009 /2010

### National MDT Forum Meetings 2010

Last meeting held: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Next MDT Forum Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

### **Cancer Awareness Calendar 2010**

**June**

- Everyman Male Cancer Awareness Month
- UK Myeloma Awareness Week

**October**

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month


**November**

- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

If you have any events taking place that you already know of for 2010 please email me and I will include in the newsletter: [Diane.wilkes@rwh-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:Diane.wilkes@rwh-tr.nhs.uk)

EVENT pages can also be found on the [NCIN.org](http://NCIN.org) website



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