Consultant Cancer Pharmacists (Oncology and Haematology)

Steve Williamson on behalf of
Becky Bagnell
Geoff Saunders
Nicola Stoner
Who, Where, What

• North East
  – Steve Williamson

• North West
  - Geoff Saunders

• South Central
  – Nicola Stoner

• South West
  – Becky Bagnell
Oncology Pharmacy as a Speciality

• Cancer a key speciality for involvement
• Clinical, Technical, R&D, Commissioning, Education, BOPA as specialist group
• Developing colleagues and the speciality
• Consultants pharmacist’s leading by example
• Development of services to benefit patients
  – Prescribing roles, novel clinical services, local and national leadership, access to best treatments, leading research and innovation, i.e. gene therapy, using the consultant profile to ensure we deliver.
CANCER CARE
EXPERT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE CURRICULUM

Professional curriculum to support members with the knowledge, skills, experience and behaviours to advance in their practice

2014
Leadership in Developing Cancer Pharmacy

- Working with RPS
- Geoff is RPS Faculty Curriculum Panel member
- Geoff Chairs BOPA credentialing & professional development subcommittee
- Nicola leads on BOPA Curriculum Development for BOPA credentialing & professional development subcommittee
- BOPA committee representation
- A&R committee
Leadership in Audit and Research

• Published in peer review international Journals
  – E.g Affordability of cancer medicines, overcomplicance, educational needs

• Undertake own practice research
  – Publish at conferences
  – Publish in UK pharmacy press (non-peer reviewed)
  – Act as Local PI on Study on current practice of health professionals around adjuvant endocrine therapy

• Act as supervisor for student research,
  – Undergrad, pre-reg, MSc, PhD

• Developed R&D strategy for oncology pharmacy
• Support R&D through BOPA
• Work with Local HEI’s
Leadership in Oncology Pharmacy
Setting the Standards – Our Guidance
Examples of improving patient care

Nicola lead the development of a Clinical Pharmacy Service to Chemotherapy Day Treatment Unit to improve patient care

- Near patient dispensing
- Medicines reconciliation
- Patient counselling
- Medicines optimisation
- Reduced medicines wastage
- Shortlisted for HSJ award
Examples of improving patient care

Geoff is a Pharmacist independent prescriber in gynaec-oncology clinic and Leads R&D, and education.

- Pharmaceutical input at time of patient consultation,
- Reducing clinic waiting times
- Improving communication.
- Tutorials for all new pharmacists, using cancer care curriculum
- Lead on departmental research and evaluation
- Guideline development for use across conurbation
Examples of improving patient care

Steve is his Trust’s Head of Chemotherapy at Northumbria, which is consistently rated in the Top 5 in National cancer patient experience survey

- Positive support from Trust management to implement service improvement for patient benefit
- Pharmacists are integrated into clinical teams
- Oral chemotherapy clinics
- Patient review and prescribing
Conclusion

- Oncology Pharmacy a thriving speciality
- Increased NHS focus due to safety and expense
- Integration into multidisciplinary team
- Great potential for future consultant posts
- Patients benefit from our input