**Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Alliance**

**Cancer Assembly 2019 – Summary Report**

1. **Overview**

“*Our Cancer Assembly is a gathering of all those stakeholders and groups interested in engaging with and influencing the cancer plan for the area, helping to deliver improvements in cancer incidence, mortality and experience for the people of Lancashire and South Cumbria*”

The fourth Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Assembly met on 15th May 2019 to hear about progress on the Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Alliance delivery plan and the priorities for 2019/20.

This assembly was planned with our patient representatives with a focus on collaboration. The agenda included updates on the following:

* The Integrated Care System and how this works with the Cancer Alliance
* 62-day pathway update
* Primary care projects
* Personalised care
* An inspirational talk from a patient
* The Peoples Voice
* Website and newsletter developments
* Development of E- books (patient information on specific cancer types)
* The Targeted Lung Check Programme
* Patient facing platform, Wellpres

Feedback from the presentations is overwhelmingly positive and is displayed below.

1. **Recommendations from the 2018 Cancer Assembly and were these achieved?**

Recommendations from the 2018 assembly were:

* To work closely with patient representatives in the planning of the Assembly
* Ensure a wider, more diverse audience
* Agree objectives and agenda in a timely manner
* Ensure improved, early publicity and communication about the event
* Ensure the assembly provides an insight into the Cancer Alliance.
* Ensure early planning and preparation
* Ensure sufficient hospitality (sufficient space, timely catering etc.)
* Improve the housekeeping rules on the day (noise disturbances)
* Timely summarisation of feedback sheets
* Attendance sheets to include role (patient, public professional) to enable analysis

Our reflections and learning as an Alliance Management Team are as follows:

* Holding cancer assembly meetings provides an opportunity to give wider reaching updates on role and function of the Alliance
* Holding cancer assembly meetings provides an opportunity to encourage expressions of interest for people to join subsequent assembly meeting
* Collaboration and involving patients throughout the planning of the assembly is now well established and is considered business as usual rather than a tick box exercise.

The Cancer Alliance is committed to ensuring that the assembly is delivered in different locations to enable as many staff, patients and third sector organisations to contribute and attend. Previous locations have been in the Central Lancashire area and the 2019 assembly was delivered in East Lancashire. The venue evaluated well however there were several comments regarding the lack of food. The venue evaluation is displayed below.

1. **Analysis of the Evaluation sheets from the 2019 Cancer Assembly**

A total of 27 feedback sheets were submitted, there were some incomplete responses but this has not affected the overall feedback. The main outcomes recorded were positive as displayed below.

A report summarising the comments from the event is listed at Appendix A

1. **Summary**

The Assembly is considered a success with overwhelmingly positive feedback. The comments regarding the lack of food have been noted and as a result food will be provided at future cancer assemblies. Patient representatives have requested quicker feedback from the(PEEOG) assembly and so this will be provided at the next Patient Experience and Engagement Oversight Group (PEEOG) meeting in early June. Lessons learnt from the previous Assembly meetings are informing the planning of future events, with ownership of this by the PEEOG to ensure continuous improvement. Interviews for a new Service User Involvement Coordinator will be held in early June and the successful candidate will support the Lead Cancer Nurse and PEEOG in organising the next cancer assembly which is due to take place in early 2020.

Appendix A

**Comments/Feedback**

*Clear & Informative*

*Primary care update- Enthusiastic & positive. Wellpres platform- Screenshots would have been helpful*

*Primary care update fantastic. Pt Rep excellent to hear of involvement & personal experience.*

*TLHC Excellent programme, lot of work for the future*

*Clear & informative, well presented, many challenges ahead*

*Pt rep - Spoke from the heart*

*What is CA -some new information I did not know before. 62 day did well but slide heavy. Primary Care update very informative. Pt voice very good to hear patient perspective.*

*CA webpage very informative*

*Very clear explanation what is the Cancer Alliance - Useful information.*

*62 day helps you understand the complexities.*

*Lung check brilliant advancement.*

*Cancer assembly - good to be part of it. Some good work being done with ICS & GP's. Talk Cancer be open & honest. Personalised care very entertaining. Ebooks look interesting. Pt Rep very good will take this back to the chemo unit. Alliance webpage clear & precise*

*Well organised, good variety of people attending Many thanks*

**Comments for consideration**

*Wellpres- too much jargon*

*E Books no live data*

*No food available*

*Generally too many slides with too much information also not very clear unless seated near the front. Good to see so many different people.*

*Some slides were difficult to see from the back & hearing was occasionally difficult*

*12pm start with no lunch (not made clear in communications prior to the event) isn’t really fair. I appreciate funding is stretched but some people had travelled up to 1 hour to get to the event & a light lunch during registration would have been a nice way to welcome participants & show appreciation for their attendance.*