

Roadshow Events

The Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Diagnostics Programme is planning roadshow events in all acute trust sites during November/December to share the work of the Diagnostics programme, achievements to date and current priorities – focussing on diagnostic and interventional radiology.

We would like to talk to as many staff working in radiology services as possible to gain their views on the programme and hear how they would like to be involved and engaged going forward.

Events will be held as follows:

14:30-16:30 5th November 2019 Seminar room on level 1 within Radiology Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital	9:30-11:30 6th November 2019 Seminar room on level 1 within Radiology Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital
9:30-11:30 18th November 2019 EC1 Lecture room 3 Royal Preston Hospital	9:30-11:30 25th November 2019 EC1 Lecture Hall Royal Preston Hospital
14:30-16:30 8th November 2019 Lecture Theatre, Education Centre Royal Lancaster Infirmary	11:30-13:30 9th January 2020 Conference Room Furness General Hospital
Blackpool Victoria Hospital Dates to be confirmed	

For more information look out for the flyers advertising the roadshows within your trust – or contact us for more information on the email address below.



Diagnostics Programme Webpage

We are pleased to announce that the new diagnostics programme webpage is now live. The page contains useful information about the programme, as well as the network agreed pathways for emergency IR intervention and key messages briefings.

The page can be accessed here:

<https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/acute-and-specialised/diagnostic-programme>

Diagnostic Radiology - Image Storage, Sharing and Reporting

The vision for the future for L&SC diagnostic services is that images and the associated reports, can be stored and shared via digital integration of systems so that they can be easily viewed by clinical teams within any L&SC trust, irrespective of where the image/report was generated. This is possible in some trusts already but requires manual processes to make it happen and there are frustrations with different systems/logins across the trusts.

Work is underway to explore the options for achieving image/report sharing across L&SC and a phase of testing will take place between trusts during 2020 to understand any issues and resolve these before rolling out any long term solution. Further updates will be provided as planning for the testing phase progresses.

Interventional Radiology Regional Pathways

The Interventional Radiology Group consists of Lead Interventional Radiologists and Business Managers from the four acute trust providers in Lancashire & South Cumbria (L&SC) supported by the L&SC Clinical Lead and Diagnostics Programme Team. Having agreed and implemented the L&SC wide pathways for site specialties that require emergency IR intervention out of hours, the second set of pathways for in hours emergencies in the following specialties: obstetrics (postpartum haemorrhage), trauma, urology (insertion of nephrostomy tube) and vascular have now been agreed. These pathways were drafted by the IR Group and then consultation was undertaken with the site specialty leads in each of the 4 trusts. The pathways were agreed by Trust MDs in June 2019 and have now been circulated to all trusts for full implementation. All agreed IR pathways can be found on the [ICS website](#).

Interventional Radiology Workforce

Work is being undertaken to understand the IR workforce expertise that is in L&SC, where the consultant workforce is based and how we ensure all patients in L&SC have access to appropriate interventional procedures. Basic scoping of the IR workforce has been undertaken and the results will be available shortly.

Endoscopy

Further to the completed L&SC endoscopy review (March 2018), the L&SC Endoscopy Working Group meets regularly (2 monthly). The group are supporting a regional capacity and demand exercise which will identify current capacity issues and take account of the increased demand forecasted (through the bowel screening programme expansion and the population profile of older patients).

The need to support and develop a non-medical endoscopist workforce is a high priority and key links are being made with Health Education England and the Cancer Alliance to support trusts to this end. A L&SC non medical endoscopist training specification has been agreed and a gap analysis against the recommendations is being undertaken. The group are also keen to ensure a robust “train the trainer” system is in place.

EUS in L&SC

Two trusts (BTH and UHMB) are currently unable to undertake EUS due to a lack of specific consultant expertise availability locally. A workshop was held on 10th September with senior clinical representation from all 4 trusts to agree a regional approach to EUS provision that will meet the needs of the L&SC population. The outcomes of the workshop will be available at the beginning of October with a proposed plan for implementation.



Question and Queries

This briefing is for use within your own organisation and across your local system, for discussion and information. Please feel free to include it on meeting agendas and circulation lists as you see fit.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact lsc.diagnosticsprogramme@nhs.net and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

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