Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action
sets out the Scottish Governments ambitions to improve the prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment and after care for people affected by cancer

West of Scotland Cancer Network Strategic Aims

- Improve patient experience and outcomes
- Reduce unwarranted variation in practice
- Equity of access to sustainable, high quality timeous treatment
- Use data to drive improvement in quality of care and outcomes
- Optimise resource use across Boards
- Ensure optimal and sustainable service models which take account of new & emerging technologies & challenges
- Embed research in clinical practice

Lung Cancer MCN Objectives

- Improve efficiency of the diagnostic pathway and explore the potential for improved staging at initial diagnosis
- Provide support to the development and implementation of a national mesothelioma network
- Deliver revised care pathways incorporating the use of holistic needs assessment (HNA) and/or treatment summaries

Actions

- Identify areas of the diagnostic pathway where opportunities for improved efficiency exist to explore an optimal model
- Identify, agree and implement optimal patient pathway to ensure standardisation of diagnostic procedures
- Develop implementation plan to support the introduction of HNA and/or treatment summary
- Improve the quality of staging of disease by reviewing adherence to current guidelines and protocols
- Facilitate initial implementation of a weekly national MDT meeting exclusively for discussion of mesothelioma patients
- Monitor and progress regional/local implementation

Outcomes

- Reduced time from investigation to treatment start.
- Improved patient experience.
- Increased survival outcomes from earlier diagnosis and management
- A coordinated approach to the diagnosis, management and treatment of patients with mesothelioma in Scotland. Equitable access to clinical trials. Improved patient experience and outcomes
- Risk stratified approaches to follow up/care implemented
- Delivery of patient centred care
- Equitable access to services

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- Deliver regional education event to promote shared learning of current best practice and innovation
- Develop and maintain regional/national clinical guidelines
- Maintain regional service map to support planning functions
- Use clinical data to drive improvement in quality of care and outcomes.

Actions

- Development of a focused programme for the event, addressing relevant key issues
- Establish data requirements for the event, and identify any arising from the event
- Develop action plans arising from the event. Monitor progress of agreed actions
- Co-ordinate the development/review of clinical management guidelines and clinical guidance documents in line with WoSCAN SOP
- Finalise and publish and develop patient flows and points of service delivery and workforce across pathway
- Update activity annually, 3 months post publication of audit report
- Continually refresh as per planning requirements and early indication of changes in provision and workforce with publication of refreshed document annually
- Review QPI audit findings to identify variation in practice.
- Identify requirements for further data analysis to aid understanding of variance, and develop action/improvement
- Monitor and ensure progress with regional and local board action/improvement plans.

Outcomes

- Maximised opportunity for learning, sharing of best practice and innovation to drive service improvement
- Consistent clinical pathways implemented
- Robust and consistent information regarding current service models
- Early indication of emerging challenges in service provision
- Continued improvement in performance against quality indicators leading to an improvement in outcomes