

TRUST BOARD		
Date of Meeting: 28/05/2013	Agenda Item No: 6.5	Enclosure: 8
Intended Outcome:		
For noting	For information	For decision ✓
Title of Report: Report of the National Cancer Action Team 6th March 2013 – Draft Action Plan		
Aims: To update and seek the approval of the Trust Board on the National Cancer Action Team Action Plan.		
Executive Summary: The National Cancer Action team visited the Trust in March 2013 following an invitation by the Clinical Business Unit to provide an external assessment of Radiotherapy services. The Radiotherapy team with the support of the Clinical Business Unit for Clinical Support and Cancer services have produced a draft action plan to address the recommendations of the report. Trust Board is asked to approve the action plan.		
Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:		
We deliver excellent clinical outcomes along closely integrated pathways		✓
We provide excellent patient-centred services		✓
We deliver excellence in safety, quality and regulatory compliance		✓
We deliver efficient care and work within budgets		
Recommendations: The Trust Board is asked to approve the action plan.		
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1. Introduction

The National Cancer Action Team were contacted by North Cumbria University Hospital NHS Trust (NCUH) to provide an assessment of our radiotherapy service. The remit and terms of reference were agreed ahead of the visit. This was requested recognising the challenge the service is facing in strategic planning, equipment replacement, introduction of IMRT and ensuring robust clinical pathways. The radiotherapy service also wished to ensure that the radiotherapy management team were effective in their individual and joint roles.

The NCAT visiting team comprised :

Tim Cooper	Associate Director Radiotherapy	National Cancer Action Team
Dr Peter Kirkbride	National Clinical Advisor for Radiotherapy Improvement & Consultant Clinical Oncologist	National Cancer Action Team Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Liverpool
Angela Francis	Head of Radiotherapy	Guys & St Thomas' Hospital London
Derek D'Souza	Head of Radiotherapy Physics	University College Hospital, London

The visit took place on 6th March 2013 and the final report was received on 28th March 2013. The report was discussed at Executive management team and the Business Unit were asked to produce an action plan for Trust Board approval.

2. Radiotherapy Services at NCUH

The report covered several areas that were identified by the Trust in the terms of reference for the visit :

- Models of Care
- Strategy
- Estates strategy
- Operational Delivery
- Staffing and Clinical Pathways
- Service Planning
- Management Development and Leadership

3. Draft Action Plan

The draft action plan is attached at Appendix 1

4. Conclusion

The Trust Board is asked to note and approve the action plan.