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Referral for chemotherapy at hospitals outside the sarcoma centres (RMH and LSS)

Principles

This document describes arrangements for 'shared care' whereby patients with sarcoma managed in either of the two services (RMH or LSS) may receive all or part of their chemotherapy at hospitals outside of the centres. Distinction is made between chemotherapy for bone and for soft tissue sarcomas; between radical and palliative chemotherapy; and between children, teenagers and young adults. The arrangements are consistent with measures 11-1A-105I, 11-1C-117I, 11-1D-112I.

Where possible, patients requiring chemotherapy are treated at the sarcoma centres. However, the advantages of treatment in a specialist centre need to be balanced against the disadvantages of such treatment away from home, especially when this is palliative in intent. The decision on the balance is made by the specialist clinical or medical oncologist at the sarcoma centre who makes or facilitates the referral to a named oncologist at a centre closer to home.

The indications for chemotherapy for soft tissue sarcoma are varied. These include neo-adjuvant, adjuvant and palliative settings. There is an increasingly large spectrum of treatments available including some appropriate for less common subtypes. In all, expert knowledge of the disease and the individual clinical setting can ensure effective treatment, minimisation of toxicity, and avoidance of futile or unnecessary treatments. When patients are treated outside the sarcoma centre, close ongoing communication between oncologists is therefore required.

Much chemotherapy for bone sarcomas is intensive, complex and requires inpatient monitoring. Many patients are young and should be treated in a Principal Treatment Centre for Children or Young People. Close coordination is required between oncologist and surgeon especially when pre-operative chemotherapy is used. Most chemotherapy for bone sarcomas will be given at UCH. Radical chemotherapy treatments for bone sarcomas may be given in a Trust when clear communication pathways with the bone sarcoma MDT such as regular videoconferencing are in place. Some patients suitable for palliative chemotherapy for bone sarcomas can be managed by oncologists designated to deliver palliative chemotherapy for soft tissue sarcoma.

All treatment regimens used will be those agreed by the sarcoma centres and outlined in the LSESN Patient Management Policy.

Additional considerations may be relevant to certain soft tissue sarcomas presenting to site specialised MDTs. These will be found in the appropriate pathway documents.

The information given to the accepting oncologist includes:

- a referral letter outlining the clinical background, relevant co-morbidity, recommendations on chemotherapy regimen, recommendations for response assessment
- MDT decision sheets
- histology report
- imaging reports – primary sites and staging

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- images of primary site and any metastatic disease
- a contact email and phone number for the referring centre oncologist

The treating oncologist is asked to provide details of the treatment delivered and either refer back to the centre for follow up or, if requested, undertake part or all of follow up themselves, copying the centre into correspondence.

Criteria for referral for chemotherapy outside of the sarcoma centre:

- agreement from the SAG, the Network Chemotherapy Group and the Network Board that the receiving department is authorised to treat sarcoma patients
- a named consultant oncologist with experience of chemotherapy for sarcoma
- the named consultant oncologist should be named as a member of a relevant extended sarcoma MDT
- the named consultant oncologist should have specified time in their job plans for the care of patients including time worked in a designated department
- willingness to maintain communication with the sarcoma centre
- ability to start chemotherapy in a timely manner
- there should be agreement from the consultant oncologist's clinical director to provide this service
- For specified centres, appropriate inpatient and outpatient facilities for children and young people
- For specified centres providing neo-adjuvant and other radical treatments for bone sarcomas, participation in videoconferenced MDM with UCLH/RNOH

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Designated chemotherapy practitioners outside of sarcoma centres

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