



Southern Cancer Network

Workplan Update – October 2018

This update provides an overview of the 2018/19 SCN work plan supporting DHBs to deliver against the Te Waipounamu South Island Health Services Plan for Cancer Services.

Enable equity of access to timely diagnosis and treatment services for all patients on the FCT pathway:

- Quarterly reporting to DHBs with process mapping to understand where breaches are occurring (by ethnicity, cancer site, treatment modality, IDF)
- Explore initiatives stemming from the Routes to Diagnosis FCT project that will contribute to improving performance against the target
- A pilot project to minimise breaches of the 62 day target among Māori (supported by Te Waipounamu Māori Leadership Group)
- Support clinical staff to gain visibility of cancer patients on both, 62-day and 31-day FCT pathways. This will include the development of a business case for the implementation of an FCT indicator on patients' records
- Continue to support performance against the 31 day Indicator.

Regional coordination and support for actions to improve cancer systems and services to ensure health gain for Māori and timely access to cancer services:

- Complete regionalisation of MOSAIQ (Oncology and Haematology Treatment Planning and Delivery System) and the South Island MDM System (SIMMS) as key components of the SI system of cancer care
- Maintaining focus and reporting on FCT performance and supporting implementation of new initiatives
- Undertake an annual assessment of the Cancer Clinical & Service Priorities, by the South Island/SCN Cancer Clinical Leads Group (the group meets six monthly)
- Support DHBs with the implementation of the Early Lung Cancer Guidance, once published.
- An equity assessment framework is confirmed and applied across the development of new regional initiatives, with a particular focus on Māori and Pacific.

Regional work with the Ministry, the Radiation Oncology Work Group and radiation oncology providers to investigate causes of variation in treatment and assist providers to reduce unwarranted variation:

- Undertake implementation of Oncology patient management and treatment system MOSAIQ in CDHB and fully implement in NMDHB to ensure all radiation oncology patients are visible across the treatment pathway
- Review & evaluate of variation in practice within radiation oncology and implement strategies to reduce unwarranted variation, maximising use of available capacity
- Support adherence to the tripartite quality framework and optimal use of radiotherapy across the South Island

Regional co-ordination and support for DHBs' alignment of their digital systems to collect and report consistent, accessible and accurate cancer data:

- Support South Island alignment of tumour specific MDM proformas and associated data items and workflows to improve patient care coordination and clinical decision making.
- Undertake work to ensure SIMMS is a long term robust and sustainable solution for MDM meetings.
- Develop local and regional reporting from SIMMS to inform clinical practice and service improvements.
- Ongoing work to ensure MDM resourcing meets current and future requirements
- Develop a plan to support and implement the NZ Cancer Health Information Strategy across the SI

- Further develop quarterly South Island Cancer Dashboard to understand progress against cancer standards and targets, and report and track service improvement initiatives and progress on reducing inequities.

DHB and sector to engage in bowel screening planning and implementation and in cervical screening project planning to support HPV testing:

- Supporting DHBs in preparation for and implementation of the national bowel screening programme. Work with DHBs to ensure access to clinical pathways from screening, through diagnosis and treatment.

Support and coordinate DHB activity to improve the quality of life for people who have completed cancer treatment to live well:

- Explore option for an end of treatment regional service initiative to improve quality of life for people who have recently completed cancer treatment. This will include engagement with stakeholders, drawing on existing evidence, with a view to developing a trial initiative.

Evidence that regions have worked through a process of identifying the disparities evident in each enabler area and outlined relevant activities to reduce these disparities in order to achieve improved equitable access and outcomes for their population:

- Explore evidence based equity tools/processes to:
 - identify disparities for Māori and vulnerable population groups;
 - the causes of disparities and
 - the impacts (intended and unintended) of initiatives.
- Development of monitoring framework to track progress and health gain for Māori
- Pilot and implement equity assessment framework that aligns with national and regional guidance.
- Support the collaborative regional working of both Te Waipounamu Maori leadership Group for Cancer (TWMLGC) and South Island Cancer Consumer Group (SICCG) working as partners in the regional plan implementation.
- Utilise the findings from the 2017/18 Routes to Diagnosis FCT project to target improved access to detection, diagnosis and treatment for high needs and high risk patient groups, particularly Māori. This will generally focus on supporting earlier diagnosis, and will involve engaging with DHBs to understand the findings, identifying opportunities and supporting them to implement actions.

Ensure the application and integration of the prostate cancer decision support tool as business as usual for all general practitioners in the region and co-ordinate activity to make improvements in the quality of referral pathway into specialist services, including the quality of information provided with referrals:

- Support DHBs so that primary care providers ensure the prostate decision support tool is fully implemented (once available)
- Clinical pathways are reviewed to ensure links to the tool are included and content is aligned
- Urologists and oncologists are informed about the content and use of the decision support tool

Ensure there is strong clinical leadership at a regional level for cancer services to support service improvements, including those referred to within the quality section:

- Undertake stocktake of cancer services regional clinical leadership arrangements across the SI with recommendations for improvement. The SCN Cancer Clinical Leads group will oversee this process and will implement actions to further enhance clinical leadership roles as appropriate.

Regional co-ordination and support of quality improvement initiatives that align with national cancer strategies to achieve health gain for Māori and equitable and timely access to cancer services:

- Support for the Psychosocial and Supportive Care Initiative across the South Island including quarterly review meetings of the initiative and the identification of areas of concern.