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MESSAGE FROM THE NEWS CO-EDITOR

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter

Autumn sees a busy time of year for many of us, the weather changes, we dig out our winter clothes, and we get on with another flu season in our hospitals. As lung cancer nurses we see many challenges, not least, simply managing our time effectively and efficiently, still allowing ourselves the ability to develop and grow. That is why the upcoming NLCFN Annual Conference is so vital in our annual calendar. It helps provide inspiration and motivation at a time when we need it, allows us to talk to our colleagues from around the country, and gives us valuable ideas to take back to our workplaces to help us to move forward positively. I would encourage you to attend if you can, and Newcastle is a wonderful city to spend a couple of days in.

November also sees Lung Cancer Awareness Month, I hope that you are all planning how to mark this brilliant event. In the past we have seen bake sales, book sales, giant lungs, all aimed at raising the profile of lung cancer with the general public, and there is an article from the RCLCF highlighting this in the newsletter. If you have a few minutes, why not deliver some leaflets to your GP practice or put some in your workplace, the small actions are often the most influential.

I wish you all the very best during these Autumn months, and hope to see many of you at the conference.



Best wishes,

Helena Stanley
Co-editor and committee member NLCFN Sheffield



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NLCFN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

2ND AND 3RD NOVEMBER, HILTON HOTEL, NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD

Investing in the Future: Aspiring for Excellence

If you haven't registered yet don't miss out on this year's conference to be held on 2nd and 3rd November at the Hilton Hotel, Newcastle Gateshead.

Key plenary sessions on mesothelioma, lung cancer pathways, the value of holistic needs assessment and information on supportive care packages, as well as the latest research developments, ensures there's plenty of highly relevant clinical content.

In addition, we will support your own personal and professional development looking at taking the first steps in the preparation of abstracts. There's a highly relevant, informative and inspiring session on making the most of available resources and we will also be looking at LCNS competencies and frameworks with Rachel Thomas and Richard Henry from UKONS.

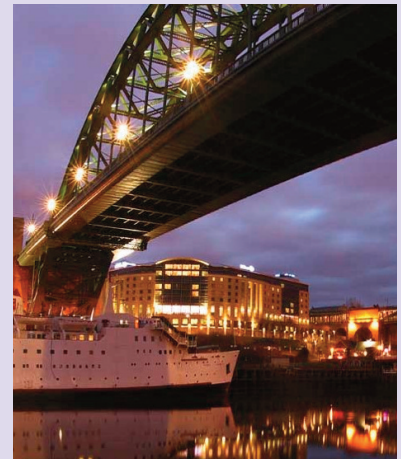
This year's conference is the only conference organized exclusively by lung cancer nurse specialists (NLCFN Committee) and promises to sift through all the jargon and noise to provide you with the most relevant topical information and advice specifically for lung cancer nurse specialists. There's plenty of clinical information so you can learn about new models of care to support lung cancer patients and their carers as well as information to support your own professional development and revalidation.

And as if all that is not enough we delighted to announce that Mr Drew Povey will be rounding off the conference with a rousing and motivational session on how to lead

and improve services for no money. Through a unique style of leadership teaching Drew works with individuals, teams and organisations to find creative solutions to develop positive climates and sustainable change across all sectors. His unique multi-sector perspective has allowed him to build a variety of tools, methodologies and philosophies to encourage people to higher performance and towards achieving their true potential. Some of you will recognize Drew through his TV appearance on *Educating Manchester*, as Head Teacher at Harrop School.

Says Lorraine Creech, chair of the NLCFN Trustees, "Drew Povey is an entertaining and truly inspirational leader. His presentation, *Leading your organisation through change: Harrop, History and Why*, will be identifiable by all. Drew is one of the UK's most influential leadership authorities, with a unique multi-sector viewpoint on creating innovative and sustainable change that can help, prepare and empower individuals and teams for our ever-changing world."

**For more information visit the website now at
<https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/2017-annual-conference>**



NEWS, FEEDBACK AND PUBLICATIONS

Cancer Nursing Practice

In the September issue of Cancer Nursing Practice (Volume 16, issue 7) our very own committee member Josie Roberts presented a clinical guide and recovery package to help nurses keep up to date with the UK's most common cancer and discusses living with an beyond lung cancer.



See <https://journals.rcni.com/cancer-nursing-practice/living-with-and-beyond-lung-cancer-cnp.16.7.14.s18> for more information

Lung Cancer Europe

LuCE (<http://www.lungcancereurope.eu/>) provides a European platform for already existing lung cancer patient advocacy groups and supports the establishment of national lung cancer patient groups in different European countries where such groups do not yet exist.



The Annual General Meeting took place at the Steinberger Airport Hotel, Frankfurt, 13th and 14th May 2017.

This provided a valuable opportunity to get to meet members and associate members from European countries.

LuCE President, Stefania Vallone, informed attendees that in November 2016, in collaboration with European Cancer League, LuCE organized a session in the EU Parliament with the aim of highlighting the key challenges and disparities still persisting in lung cancer care.

During the event the LuCE Report on Challenges in lung cancer in Europe was officially launched, followed by a Call to Action during which signatures confirming support were obtained.

LuCE has taken on a new role to act as fund holder for Global Action for Cancer Patients, a global patient network with the focus to value cancer care from the patient and caregiver perspective.

During the past year LuCE has also improved the educational programs addressed to patients, caregivers and survivors. On 23/03/2017 the 1st LuCE webinar titled Advocating for access to treatments. What should we know? was aired, with more webinars planned.

Presentations at the AGM included an educational session on screening and a workshop on media training.

Attending the LuCE AGM provided a valuable opportunity to meet European colleagues with a firm reminder of the disparities in lung cancer care, and access to treatments, across Europe.

Lavinia Magee
NLCFN Committee Member

Global Lung Cancer Coalition Newsletter

You can download your copy of the latest Global Lung Cancer Coalition at http://www.lungcancercoalition.org/uploads/GLCC_New_sletter_Spring_Summer_17_Interactive_v8.pdf

Cancer Nursing Partnership Bulletin

The Cancer Nursing Partnership (CNP) is a partnership of key nursing organisations and communities of practice who are working collaboratively to implement improvements in cancer care. The partnership produces a regular bulletin comprising useful practical advice and information.

To see the latest news Bulletin from the CNP please access <http://www.ukons.org/downloads/>



New Initiative – Aneurin Bevan Health Board

We have an exciting new initiative here in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB); a new rehabilitation programme. The plan is that all USC Lung rapid access patients will have access to this programme.

The title of the initiative is 'The Rehabilitation and Optimisation Programme (POP)', it is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and will run until March 2018.

There is emerging research evidence that suggests addressing any health issues patients may have early can prepare the body for any forthcoming treatment. This may result in patients having fewer side effects, or that side effects potentially may be less severe. It is hoped individuals will not only feel better but also improve recovery after any treatment.

It is a new approach to improving health before treatment. This rehabilitation will take place whilst patients are undergoing investigations or tests; pre diagnosis. Patients will be seen by either, a Physiotherapist, a Dietitian, an Occupational Therapist or a combination of all three. The team will assess the nutritional, physical, practical, social and emotional needs of patients, with the aim of improving the individual's overall health and wellbeing.

The Physiotherapist will work with individuals to help set achievable goals to improve fitness, strength and function prior to treatment.

The Occupational Therapist will work with individuals to help support them carry out daily activities or fulfil usual roles; such as caring for oneself and others, getting around the home and community, and improve participation in work, education or leisure activities. Occupational Therapists can also support changes to mood and emotions as a result of health conditions and/or treatment.

The Dietitian can help if individuals are experiencing problems with eating and drinking. They can provide practical advice about diet and nutrition which can help optimise wellbeing and quality of life during this challenging time.

What I find particularly exciting about this project is it is for all appropriate potential lung cancer patients, regardless of performance status and stage of disease; it is not limited to patients undergoing curative treatment. I will be sure to update everyone at the end of the initiative

Carol Davies

*Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse
Nevill Hall Hospital South Wales*

European Cancer Organisation – Value of Specialised Cancer Nursing Position Statement

The European Cancer Organisation has issued a position statement on the value of specialized cancer nurses. You can view the statement at <http://bit.ly/2eM3UKy>

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Feedback from Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation



Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Join our #HeadHigh campaign and tackle the stigma of lung cancer this Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

The team at Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation wanted to do something dif-

ferent for this year's Lung Cancer Awareness Month. We all talk about the stigma associated with lung cancer. Well, this year we want to use the opportunity of LCAM to address it, to create an environment where people are comfortable to discuss lung cancer and be more comfortable to go to their doctor if they have concerns. So, the campaign #HeadHigh was born.

Instead of people being ashamed of it, we're getting people to share their stories about why they are proud of their loved ones, or proud of themselves, why they can hold their #HeadHigh. They may have lung cancer but it does not define them. We want people to start seeing the person, not simply the disease.

We'd love you to support us with this campaign. **Please contact Rachel Avery on rachel.avery@roycastle.org or call 0333 323 7200 ext. 9191 for more information and how you can get involved.**

In addition to the #HeadHigh campaign, the charity will be running awareness events throughout November as well as producing its LCAM pack consisting of posters, leaflets and everything else you might need for your own awareness raising.

**Packs are available via its website:
www.roycastle.org/lcam-pack**

Expect Better Information

Help alleviate the fear that comes with a lung cancer diagnosis with easy to understand information from Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

It's so important lung cancer patients have access to up-to-date information. This can help them take control, clarifying medical jargon to provide a better understanding of medical procedures such as tests and treatments. Reading about the experience of others who have been through similar situations can also help separate fact from fear.

"The packs are praised by patients for the level of information they provide and how easy they are to understand, particularly at such a difficult time. We appreciate that we can offer the information to our patients for free through the vital fundraising Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation does."

Samantha Collins | Cancer Information and Support Centre, Scarborough Hospital

We have a wide range of information from supporting patients who have just been diagnosed to information about treatments and managing symptoms. We've also just launched new information covering topics such as travel, condition-specific materials on brain metastases and small cell lung cancer.

We've also got new information products planned for 2017 for bereavement, end of life and carer issues; smoking cessation/healthy lifestyle post diagnoses and an easy-read short guide to diagnoses and treatment for patients.

All lung cancer information is free to lung cancer patients, carers and healthcare professionals. It is easily accessible online via our website – www.roycastle.org/information. Alternatively you can order copies at www.roycastle.org/ordersupplies or by calling 0333 323 7200 (option 2).

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation Bursary Scheme

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation are pleased to offer a new bursary for nurses towards the lung cancer module forming part of the University of Manchester's 2017 'MSc Specialist Practice: Cancer Pathway'. If you are thinking of applying, either as a standalone module or as part of the MSc, the charity can provide you with a grant of £500 to help with your course.

If the course is funded by your employer or another organisation, you can use the money towards academic support and books.

The module, starting this September, is taught by a combination of flexible online learning and face to face classroom sessions. This module covers the management of lung cancer. It includes the investigation, diagnosis, staging and treatment pathways used to manage the disease. Factors likely to drive changes in how lung cancer services will develop and be managed are also covered. These will include the roles of health education and behaviour change. Symptom management and palliative care issues are considered and applied to the context of the presentation and management of advanced disease. Concepts such as stigma and blame will also be explored within the module.

The module enables practitioners to critically analyse their knowledge and



understanding of lung cancer and explore the scope of professional practice, developing and applying the skills and competencies needed to provide quality care to patients and their families.

The module aims to:

- Enhance practice through the acquisition, extension and critical appraisal of existing knowledge and skills that develop the basis of a life-long learning approach to delivering care
- Provide opportunity for reflection on practice to develop proposals for change in current service/practice provision.
- Give opportunity for inter-professional learning that leads to a greater understanding for multi-disciplinary working

Further course details can be found here:

<https://www.roycastle.org/news/nurse-bursary>

Why do it?

Studying a higher level specialist lung cancer module offers many benefits. Being able to apply specialist knowledge not only promotes insight into how to provide patients with better care, but can also help you to advance your career.

Who can apply?

You can apply for the bursary if you meet any of the following criteria:

- You are a member of the Lung Cancer Nurses Forum
- You are involved in running one of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Supporters Groups
- You spend a significant amount of your time involved in the care and nursing of those affected by lung cancer this may need to be verified by your current employer

You will need to apply for the Manchester MSc or PGcert with the lung cancer module included, or apply for the lung cancer module on a standalone basis. The bursary will only be provided should you be accepted on the course.

How do I apply?

Please send your personal details along with a brief summary on your background of working with lung cancer. You can post your application to:

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
4-6 Enterprise Way
Wavertree Technology Park
Liverpool L13 1FB

Or email: foundation@roycastle.org

MESOTHELIOMA NEWS



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Mesothelioma UK – making a difference

Mesothelioma UK is a national resource centre dedicated to providing free specialist information, support, and improved care and treatment. We offer support to patients through a dedicated helpline and a team of specialist nurses, and also work with health care professionals and other organisations to fund research into mesothelioma. The centre has strong links with the NLCFN and welcomes opportunities to support forum members in their mesothelioma practice.

Mesothelioma UK CNS's

To date, we have funded 12 mesothelioma clinical nurse specialists (CNS) across the country, 5 of which were appointed in the last 12 months. A further 5 nurses are due to take up posts later this year.

We now have nurses in post at Leicester, Portsmouth, Manchester, Sheffield, Newcastle, Oxford, Glasgow, Wales, Yorkshire, Plymouth and Cambridge with London, Southampton, Kent and Liverpool appointing to new positions this autumn.

In 2016/17 the nurses saw around 473 new patients, handled over 600 calls to the helpline, delivered 66 presentations regionally, nationally and internationally and attended 235 meetings and support groups, representing Mesothelioma UK.

Christine Jones, one of the charity's clinical nurse specialists, described what it is like to be a Meso UK nurse: "Being a Meso UK nurse, to me, is an honour and a privilege. I never underestimate, or take for granted, the gift of being allowed to accompany those afflicted with asbestos related diseases as they walk their pathway, and equally I never fail to be amazed at the support we, as a team, offer each other. It is, quite simply, the best job on the planet."

Funding Nurse Led research

In June 2016 the NLCFN Research Interest Group awarded Mesothelioma UK's first Nursing research grant to a team led by Professor Angela Tod. The study, which is due to report later this year, have been exploring patient and carer experience of being told their diagnosis. It is hoped the findings will lead to the development of guidelines for informing patients and their carers about a mesothelioma diagnosis.



Amy Grant awarded for research into non-surgical mesothelioma diagnosis **Pat Stone Meso Support/ Mesothelioma UK grant awarded to study which aims to reduce the need for diagnostic surgery**

The grant, for £21,795, has been awarded to Amy Kerr, Senior thoracic surgery research nurse at the Medical Innovation Development Research Unit (MIDRU) at Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham. The grant will fund a study into non-invasive diagnosis of mesothelioma using structured light plethysmography (SLP).

SLP is a new diagnosis method which measures chest wall motion which can highlight differences according to the disease which is causing abnormalities on chest X rays or CT scans.



Structured light plethysmography (SLP) in action

Amy said: "I must say that I am humbled, honoured, and at the same time excited to receive the award from Pat Stone Meso Support, Mesothelioma UK and the National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses (NLCFN). This funding will give us a fantastic opportunity to transform the diagnosis pathway for Mesothelioma patients for the better."

The non-invasive process only takes five minutes and uses squares of light in a chequerboard to detect chest wall motion by changes in the size of the squares as the patient breathes.

Liz Darlison, Mesothelioma UK Director of Services and Consultant Nurse, added: "We're delighted to be working with Pat Stone Meso Support and the National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses (NLCFN) to offer this grant for such an innovative study. We're excited to hear about the results of the study which we hope will inform current diagnostic processes and perhaps lessen the need for surgery for people with suspected mesothelioma."

Graham Pound from Pat Stone Meso Support said: "Pat Stone Meso Support is extremely proud to be associated with this opportunity which has the potential to further the understanding and care of sufferers of this cancer which continues to take the lives of substantially more people than are killed on our roads each year."

A pilot study at MIDRU with 15 patients found significant differences in chest wall motion and has shown to be a promising tool to help diagnose the cause of pleural disease such as the differences between mesothelioma and benign pleural thickening. Emerging results of the study will be presented at the National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses conference in November 2018.

Integrating SLP into future clinical practice to diagnose mesothelioma could improve the diagnostic process for patients with possible mesothelioma and reduce the need for hospital admission for invasive investigations.

It could reduce the length of time patients have to wait for a diagnosis and it offers patients, who are not well enough to have surgery, a more confident diagnosis for their pleural disease which could help provide evidence for compensation claims.

Get in touch with Mesothelioma UK

Telephone: 0800 169 2409 **Email:** Mesothelioma.uk@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Website: www.mesothelioma.uk.com **Facebook:** @therealmesouk **Twitter:** @Mesouk

RESEARCH NEWS

BTOG Nursing Workshop: Thursday 25 January 2018

This year we have canvassed NLCFN members to identify themes for the Nursing Workshop at BTOG IN January 2018. The themes need to be a priority for NLCFN members and lung cancer nursing practice. There also need to be some new, innovative research or evaluation that can be presented linked to the topic.

In response to the replies out overall theme is Service innovation and evaluation. There will be two presentations and time for discussion. Topics will be:

- Specialist palliative care for people with lung cancer And
- Nurse-led rapid access, video linked, lung cancer clinics

Research Training

In April 2016 the NLCFN ran the BIL Torch for Nursing Research Workshop. This training aimed to increase the confidence and skills of nurses working in lung cancer regarding research. We are in the process of seeking funding to extend this initiative and run further training collaboratively between the NLCFN and UKONS.

We will feedback on the TORCH for Nursing Work in the next newsletter.

Small Grants

Three applications for small grants were received in 2017. Two individuals have been awarded small grants. These are:-

- **Maureen King, Papworth**
 - o Multi-Centred, prospective, three-month audit to identify the number of primary lung cancer patients, readmitted to hospital following surgery within 30 days of discharge.
- **Sarah Morgan**
 - o The impact of the lung cancer nurse specialist in facilitating a rapid access lung cancer clinic with remote access to the specialist clinician.

Joint RIG / Thoracic Sub-group meeting

In June 2017 the RIG and Thoracic Sub-group of NLCFN had a joint meeting. This was a very enjoyable and interesting day. It was great to see and hear about the shared interests of the two groups.

In the afternoon Matt Johnson ran a consultation discussion about the emerging findings from his study on communication of risk of recurrence following lung cancer surgery.

It was decided that we would hold a joint meeting once a year.

Research database

The NLCFN RIG has set up a database of research projects that NLCFN members are actively involved in. This will detail research projects and outputs. Do let us know of any research projects that should be added to the database.

Please contact Tricia at tricia@redhotirons.com

IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer 15-18 October 2017 Yokohama, Japan



This year the International Association of the Study of Lung Cancer will take place in Yokohama. Several NLCFN members have submitted abstracts to the conference or have been invited to speak. The NLCFN aims to maintain the impact and presence they had at the previous IASLC conferences. We will feedback information on the conference in the next meeting.

The NLCFN is delighted to announce that Jeanette Draffan, Matt Johnson, Amy Kerr, Jenny Mitchell and Paula Shepherd have all been awarded travel bursaries in support of their attendance and presentation scientific abstracts at the World Conference on Lung Cancer in Japan later this year.

Hear all about their experiences in the December newsletter

**Professor Angela Tod,
NLCFN Research Chair,
University of Sheffield**



October 15-18, 2017 | Yokohama, Japan

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

ASCO update – RCLCF in association with BTOG

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation have created an academic fellowship of clinicians and scientists associated with the work of the charity. The latest Alumni meeting took place at Wellcome Collection, London on Friday 9 June 2017.

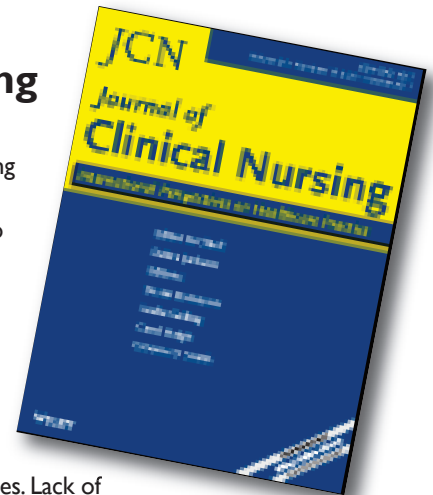
The main focus for the meeting was a lung cancer update from the ASCO 2017 meeting, planned in partnership with the British Thoracic Oncology Group, which took the form of presentations followed by Q&A.

The meeting was also an opportunity to update on the RCLCF research grants program, and for the Alumni to input into RCLCF policy direction.

See <https://www.roycastle.org/how-we-help/research/asco-update> for more information

Journal of Clinical Nursing

The work of specialist nursing has been under scrutiny for many years in the UK due to a perception that it is not cost-effective. A common issue is the lack of consistency of job titles, which causes confusion to the public, employing organisations, colleagues and commissioners of services. Lack of consistency has implications for the wider perception of advanced specialist practice in the worldwide community and the workforce more generally. In her study, published in the September issue of the Journal of Clinical Nursing see Alison Leary, trustee of NLCFN, aims to understand the variation in job titles in the UK population.



MEMBERS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation Star Awards 2017



On Saturday 10th June, several NLCFN committee members past and present attended the event at the Marriott Hotel in Liverpool. The Star awards introduced in 2012 are made by the foundation to thank fundraisers, volunteers and supporters who enable vital work to continue.

The star award for 'Unsung Hero' recognizes an individual who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support the charity. We were delighted when this award was announced the winner was John White Lead Macmillan Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

As most /all of us are aware John previously held the position of Chair of the NLCFN. He remains committed to NLCFN sitting on the Board of Trustees and is an active member of the NLCFN Research Interest Group.

The award evening was emotional, inspirational, with stories of determination and hope. I'm sure you'll agree that John is a worthy winner and join us in offering heartfelt congratulations!!

Thoracic surgical group update

The latest thoracic surgical group project is a 3 month, multicentre readmission audit. The aims of this multi-centred audit are, to identify over a three-month period the number of primary lung cancer patients following thoracic surgery readmitted to hospital within 30 days of discharge. In addition, the audit aims to identify the reasons for readmission, to identify any common factors for readmission between centres and to identify any lesson learnt to facilitate service improvements. The centres taking part are Papworth, Birmingham, Leeds, Leicester, Brompton, Oxford, Belfast and Dublin, the audit is being supported by the Audit Department at Papworth Hospital.

Our last TSG meeting was a joint meeting with the research interest group (RIG). In addition to our regular project work we talked about the role of the RIG and the support that can be offered to our members. We then took part in a research consultation with Mathew Johnson who is part way through his PhD project looking at the disclosure of the risk of recurrence following resection of primary lung cancer. The collaboration was helpful to all who attended and we hope to hold joint meetings again in the future.

If you are not on the TSG mailing list and are interested in attending meetings or joining the mailing list please contact us via info@nlcfn.net.

Jenny Mitchell, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Nurse-led clinics at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

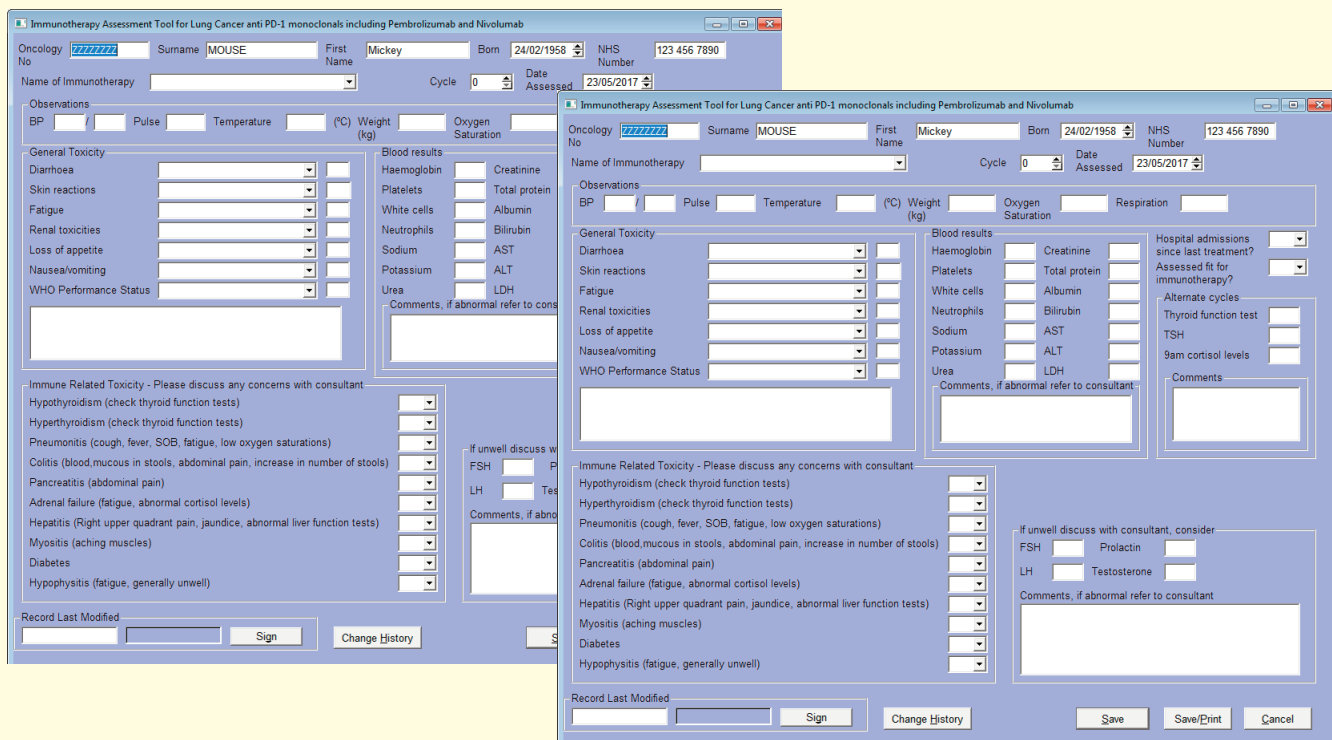
The Lung CNS team at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust run a nurse led oncology review clinic reviewing patients on TKI's and chemotherapy. In 2016 more patients started to have immunotherapy treatment via the EAMS scheme and this was having an impact on the Consultants clinics. The nursing team started to review patients within their already established nurse led clinic and it soon became apparent that an assessment tool was required to ensure safe and standardised practice.

tronc assessment tool which has been in use since May 2017 to assess immunotherapy toxicities. This is proving to be very effective and following an educational event held at our Academic Centre attended by 70 people including Doctors, Pharmacists and Nurses throughout Kent has been rolled out and used regionally.

Images of the tool are shown below (Copyright Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust)

The Lung CNS' together with the Consultant, Chemotherapy Matron and Computer science department developed an elec-

**Sandra Wakelin
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust**



NLCFN Annual Workshop

This year's annual workshop focused on How to improve working partnerships with primary care in order to prevent avoidable emergency attendances.

22 applicants applied to attend the workshop. The workshop was held on the 15-16th May was well attended; with delegates being very enthusiastic following Jeanette Draffen's inspiring presentation about previous workshops and the impact this has had on improving the patient experience and care. Also the recognition of previous posters, poster presentations and awards that have been achieved from the workshop was highlighted.

The project leads for 2017 are June Morley and Marie Eaton. We split into 4 sub-groups to concentrate on the work to be done:

- Literature review
- NLCFN survey
- Consultation of primary care workers
- Consultation of patients and carers

Responses to the survey of the membership was excellent with over 60 members responding to the survey.

The work is on-going, with emails, teleconferences and conversations to enhance the support provided by Lilly Oncology. We will present the findings at the NLCFN conference in November.

**Karen Clayton,
Macclesfield District General Hospital and Josie Roberts, Rotherham District General Hospital**

DATES FOR THE DIARY



15th-18th October 2017

IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer

Yokohama, Japan
<http://wclc2017.iaslc.org/>

ITONF Workshop - Excellence in Thoracic Oncology Care

15th October 2017, 12:15
Visit [https://www.nlcf.org.uk/sites/default/files/civicrm/persist/contribute/files/ITONF_JapanProgramme\(1\).pdf](https://www.nlcf.org.uk/sites/default/files/civicrm/persist/contribute/files/ITONF_JapanProgramme(1).pdf) to download the programme

2nd-3rd November 2017

NLCFN National Annual Conference 2017

Hilton Hotel, Newcastle Gateshead
<https://www.nlcf.org.uk/2017-annual-conference>

15th December 2017

A practical guide to Nurse Prescribing in Cancer Care

20% discount for NLCFN members - Quote reference at registration: hcuk20spkr

Devere West One, London
Visit www.healthcareconferenesuk.co.uk for more information and to register or download the form at <https://www.nlcf.org.uk/sites/default/files/NurseRxCancerCareDec2017.pdf>

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

3rd Annual Macmillan Lung Cancer Charity Ball 25th November 2017 Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield

The Macmillan Lung CNS's from North Tees and Hartlepool are holding their 3rd Annual Macmillan Lung Cancer Charity ball on 25th November 2017 at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees.

Proceeds of this will be divided between Macmillan Cancer Support and the North Tees Lung cancer Trust Fund – benefiting patients both locally and nationally. The two previous years we have raised over £23,000.

We are honoured to have David Harper from the BBC Antiques Road show as our guest auctioneer.

We have been collecting auction and raffle prizes and have had some really lovely gifts donated including a Christian Louboutin Clutch Purse (from the Louboutin Head Office) with a RRP of £750!!

Along with the Auction there is a grand raffle and a live Band – The Pjays to dance the night away to! We have a lot of groups using this as their Christmas night out.

Tickets are still on sale and are £45 each – tables for larger groups can also be booked.

For tickets and information please call 07899 961437

If anyone would like to donate a prize to us or wants tickets please contact the Macmillan Lung CNS' on 01642 624106

Jeanette Draffan,
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust



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