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MESSAGE FROM THE NEWS CO-EDITOR

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter

Spring, despite being somewhat elusive this year so far, is a wonderful season and time for change. Indeed, 2018 has brought further change to the NLCFN committee. We bid a fond farewell to Lesley Holland and send her enormous thanks for all her input as committee member. We wish you well on all future adventures Lesley. It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome Lucy Haycock (Inverness) and Julia McAdam (Shrewsbury) as new committee members who bring with them a combined wealth of expertise. Read more about their backgrounds and current roles in this newsletter.

In February, I was privileged to represent NLCFN and Lung Cancer Europe (LuCE) at the European School of Oncology (ESO) Masterclass in Cancer Patient Advocacy. This was attended by 53 cancer advocacy leaders, 23 patient networks and 13 faculty members. The aim of the masterclass was to strengthen the ability of organisations to become more sustainable and effective, share experiences and hone skills. I was reminded throughout the busy programme and schedule of events of the role that we as nurses play as advocates to our patients and their carers, and how we must look after ourselves in order to be able to do this. In a series of workshops, one devoted to preventing burnout was very well received by attendees. Amidst an array of definitions and causes of burnout, my take home message came down to an acronym which I would like to share with you all:

SELEERS – sleep, eat, laugh, exercise, recreate, socialize.

We are lucky to have fabulous jobs, and of course the best patient group. However, as we aim to improve our own service provision, locally and nationally, we must look after ourselves to enable us to do this. We learn more in the newsletter about the National Optimal Lung Cancer Pathway and consideration as to how we can improve 5 year lung cancer survival to 25% by 2025. In order to inspire ourselves and colleagues to be able to do this, and make appropriate changes in our patient pathways, we must look after our own health. I certainly know how to eat and laugh, so will focus on the leftovers. What about you?

Please do take time to complete the online surveys within this newsletter. As ever, we welcome your input to future editions of the newsletter. We also look forward to meeting and catching up with some of you at future meetings and events mentioned herein, and gaining your feedback. Good luck to all of you who have submitted an abstract to WCLC, Toronto, and do share your good work with us at the NLCFN Conference in Telford. I hope

to see as many of you as possible in November, if not before.

With best wishes,
Lavinia Magee
Co-editor and
committee member
NLCFN



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CONFERENCE 2018

NLCFN Annual Conference

Lung Cancer: Building Hope in Challenging Times

1-2 November 2018

The International Centre, Telford



The NLCFN conference is renowned for being embedded in day-to-day clinical practice and for welcoming delegates with its invigorating and friendly atmosphere. It offers busy lung cancer nurse specialists the chance to recharge their batteries by interacting with like-minded colleagues and learning from experts about the latest developments and treatments specific to the profession.

This year's conference aims to inspire you to review the challenges and threats we are working under and explore new ways of working with patients and colleagues in this changing landscape. Our conference promises hope for the future and will explore the latest in lung cancer diagnosis, and treatment. During the conference we will take the opportunity to look at thymoma and neuroendocrine tumours and their management and review the optimal lung cancer pathway. We will also bring you the latest in lung cancer research and development.

“As a result of attending this conference I am starting to build my confidence in starting up a lung cancer nurse service locally. Have met lots of lovely people who were all so helpful and supportive. It's reassuring to be part of a network of lung cancer nurses”

Following on from the success of last year's debate on health needs assessment, this year we will debate the issue of survivor-

“As always after the lung cancer nurses conference I return to work with a renewed energy and enthusiasm”

ship and the use of DS1500 forms. Will you vote for or against after hearing our two presentations?

In the highly pressurized environment in which we work it is not only important to look after our patients but we have a duty to look after ourselves and our colleagues, support each other and help foster and harness well-being and our own personal development. This year, Ann Burgoyne will be looking at the emotional well-being of our patients and ourselves and, back by popular demand, Drew Povey will be exploring how we look after ourselves and others and giving us added new inspiration and motivation.

“I have been inspired by examples of good practice, research and audit that I hope to take forward / introduce”

You can find out more about the conference programme at <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/annual-conference/programme> and <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/conference-speakers> for details on speakers.

Telford International Centre (TIC) is a purpose built conference centre located in the heart of the Midlands with a contemporary, comfortable interior. The venue is located on the edge of Telford Town centre, a purpose built town with a modern shopping complex, and recently added £250m convention quarter comprising of a leisure and entertainment complex. It includes two additional hotels and all within a three minute walk of the venue.

TIC is just minutes from the M54 motorway and close the M6 motorway network. With over 1600 car parking spaces, direct trains from London and trains via Wolverhampton for the rest of the rail network, Telford is relatively easy to access.

For more information on the venue please visit the website at <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/venue-information>

There is a range of accommodation options available – please see <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/accommodation> for more details.

A limited number of bursary places are available and offered on a first come, first served basis. Please see <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/bursary-places> for more information.

PRON

PROMOTING RESEARCH
IN ONCOLOGY NURSING

**29th and 30th June 2018
Wychwood Park, Near Crewe**

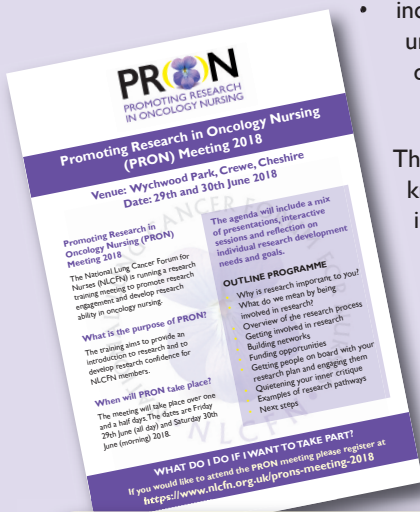
The PRON Programme, is a unique 2 day residential workshop for nurses interested in increasing their skills, knowledge and confidence in clinical research related to lung cancer.

Run by experts in health and nursing research the workshop:

- provides an introduction to identifying, justifying, shaping and communicating a research question
- explores why research is important at a personal and organisational level
- helps you to develop a greater understanding of what it means to be part of a research community
- increases your understanding of developing your personal networks



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The workshop is designed to be highly interactive. It will help you develop your research knowledge and ideas in a stimulating and supportive environment. The workshop includes formal lectures from leading experts in nurse-led research, interactive sessions, as well as dedicated time for you to spend working in small groups with faculty members.

There is an experienced faculty attending the workshop comprising

- Professor Angela Tod, University of Sheffield
- Vanessa Beattie, NLCFN Chair
- Dr Lynne Goodacre, LG Personal Development
- Dr Lynn Calman, University of Southampton
- Prof Janelle Yorke, Christie Hospital/University of Manchester
- Amy Kerr, Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
- Roma Maguire, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow
- Dr Clare De Normanville, Sheffield Hallam University
- Clare Warnock, Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield
- Lavinia Magee, Nurse Consultant, Papworth
- Josie Roberts, Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist, Rotherham
- Dr Natalie Doyle, Nurse Consultant, Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

“ This is a fantastic and unique opportunity for members to get involved in research and support their professional development in a friendly and supportive environment. The event is free of charge to attend. ”
Vanessa Beattie

The longer term aim of the programme is to build a community of research interested and active clinical nurses, supported by the mentorship and expertise of nursing and health services research academics. We hope to run an annual top-up day and all previous participants will be invited to attend.

For more information and details on how to register visit <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/pron>

IMPORTANT MEMBER SURVEY

The NLCFN membership is keen to find out from our members what their local experience is of access to biomarker testing and novel treatments. Please help us by completing our survey as soon as possible.

Says Vanessa Beattie, chair of the NLCFN. “This is an important survey and will hopefully provide useful results which we can use to share with our partner organisations and campaign for equity of access to biomarker testing and treatment for lung cancer”.

Please ensure you participate. The survey only takes a few minutes and can be accessed at <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/equity-access-survey>



NEWS, FEEDBACK AND PUBLICATIONS

HOT NEWS

Feedback from the UKLCC Meeting 19 April 2018



UNITED KINGDOM
LUNG CANCER COALITION

Making the very best use of NHS resources and opportunities to improve outcomes for lung cancer patients in England

I had the pleasure of attending a UKLCC event 19.04.18. Held at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and led by Professor Mick Peake 'commissioning and delivering universal high quality care for lung cancer patients in England' – Aiming for 25% 5 year survival by 2025.

Professor Peake discussed the case for change based on the UKLCC report 25x25 (<http://www.uklcc.org.uk/files/UKLCC-%2025%20by%2025%20FINAL.pdf>).

Professor Chris Harrison (National Clinical Director for cancer, NHS England) then followed, setting the scene for opportunities in driving up standards of care and outcomes. This led on to presentations including an overview of current data on variation in practice and outcomes via the NLCA, an evidence base for rapid diagnosis, service specification and optimal care pathways for lung cancer and the role of STPs in commission of best practice in lung cancer services. A panel discussion followed with the individual panelists being posed the question of what they would like to highlight/request of politicians. Answers included: to utilise NOLCP as this would help increase survival; achieve targets and patients would be 'happier'; smoking cessation and the importance of avoiding smoking being introduced as mandatory to school curriculums.

Lunch provided an opportunity to network with colleagues. It was clear that there was good geographical distribution along with representation across the board. Also, it was interesting to learn about variations of pathways currently across England and useful to hear about examples of good practice. After lunch presenters provided examples on the Manchester experience – a multi-faceted approach to improving lung cancer outcomes, which includes smoking cessation from the earliest outset and the use of a framework to standardise practice.

Professor Peake and Professor Baldwin facilitated an interactive session whereby we were encouraged to highlight the major blocks we experience in implementing optimal care and how teams are working to overcome some of the problems. There was debate as to what constitutes day 0 of the pathway and requests were made for attendees to put forward areas of good practice for collation with a view to production of a good practice guide and an action based report.

Professor Peake closed the meeting, one, which I am sure, will be highly evaluated. Having participated in the event I was able to leave feeling (even with a lack of resource, finance and time – all factors discussed during the day) enthused that we can achieve 25x25.

Vanessa Beattie, Chair NLCFN

Global Lung Cancer Coalition



Dr J Fox submitted abstracts to BTOG on behalf of GLCC: Attitudes to Lung Cancer in the UK - Findings from a global consumer survey & Lung Cancer symptom awareness in the UK - Findings from a global consumer survey conducted in 2017. The results are available to view on the GLCC website www.lungcancercoalition.org

The GLCC annual meeting will take place 21st– 23rd September in Toronto, preceding the World Conference on Lung Cancer. This includes meeting with partner organisations. There is also a GLCC symposium being planned for Monday 24th September. Details to be confirmed.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The Lung Cancer Awareness Month Coalition (LCAMC) is composed of more than 30 global non-profit organisations focused on thoracic cancers, led by the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC). The LCAM website (www.LCAM.org) is a year-round resource to read stories of those affected by lung cancer and to find valuable information on related key topics; screening & early detection, tumor testing & precision medicine, clinical trials and much more!



The lung cancer community can participate by submitting personal stories to be included in the site. You can also sign up on the site to receive email updates about its continuing development and follow the campaign on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LCAM.org/>) and Twitter (@LCAM_org) feeds specifically devoted to the campaign.

If you have any queries about LCAMC please contact Kristin.Schultz@iaslc.org

Evidence Briefing on Smoking Cessation/Tobacco Addiction Nurse-led Services



The NLCFN commissioned the University of Sheffield to undertake an evidence review of smoking cessation nurse-led services.

The report available at <https://www.nlcf.org.uk/evidence-briefing-smoking-cessation-tobacco-addiction-services> highlights that worldwide, numerous empirical studies, both primary and secondary, have studied the effectiveness of nurse-led interventions for smoking cessation and demonstrate:

- There is moderate-quality evidence that nursing-led smoking cessation services may be effective in terms of quit rates, but follow up is rarely beyond one year.
- Intensity of intervention, setting and resourcing may all influence quit rates.

The report notes that there is a paucity of UK based research on this subject – though UK findings are consistent with other countries.

As described by Sanjay Agrawal at our conference last year, LCNSs are uniquely placed to support patients to quit smoking to improve their health and outcomes. We also need to highlight the important message that it is never too late to quit.

Multi-modality Treatment for Locally Advanced Lung Cancer in Greater Manchester:

A Greater Manchester Cancer Educational Event and Service Redesign Exercise

Manchester Cancer held a pathway meeting on 23/02/2018 led by Dr Matt Evison who is pathway board director for the lung cancer pathway.

Dr Evison was trying to get consensus as to how to best manage the patient pathway for patients with non-small cell lung cancer staged at T3 N2 M0. The debate had input from senior medical oncologists, surgeons and clinical oncologists as well as chest physicians from all over Manchester and Cheshire. The aim of the workshop was to:

1. review the evidence base for the management of locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer with a focus on potentially resectable N2 disease
2. define Greater Manchester standards for locally advanced NSCLC
3. consider the ideal service for patients with locally advanced NSCLC in GM
4. develop a working group to design and implement the ideal service

The advantages of developing dedicated and unified pathway are listed below:

- Cohort patients into a single service with the advantage of combining and growing expertise
- Offering multiple specialist opinions in a single service & single patient visits
- Building unified experience and streamlined treatment pathways
- Robust data collection and analysis
- Strong working relationships between the relevant specialties
- Truly patient-centred approach
- Vehicle for dedicated research outputs
- Foundations to deliver complex treatment strategies such as tri-modality therapy
- Systematic & advanced physiological work-up in this complex multi-modality treatment setting with potential to increase access to multi-modality therapy
- Potential to build a pre-habilitation and optimisation service for this complex multi-modality setting with appropriate surveillance & management of treatment complications.

Many lung CNS' attended to try to improve the patient experience on this pathway. Dr Evison will now map out all the ideas discussed and form a working group to move this patient pathway forward to help benefit patients by improving the outcomes and experience.

Jackie Fenemore, Deputy Chair, NLCFN

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

New services and information packs from Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation



A diagnosis of lung cancer has a significant impact on a patient's life, extending far beyond the immediate physical and mental effects.

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation recognises these implications and offers materials and services to support people in this situation.

The charity offers a wide range of peer-reviewed information booklets concerning various clinical aspects of living with lung cancer and is currently working on several revisions and new information products.

The 'Answering Your Questions' pack is being refreshed, while booklets on radiotherapy and targeted therapies are being reviewed.

Other new products in development include a 'Living well with Lung Cancer' booklet and an immunotherapy factsheet due to be complete June. Information products on metastatic bone disease and supporting carers and those with advanced disease will be available by late summer or early autumn.

People may also need help in making a Will. The Foundation offers a suite of estate planning services, including FREE Will-writing, half-price Powers of Attorney provision and funeral plans.

These services are among items presented at Roy Castle Lung Cancer Patient Information Day events, held throughout the UK.

The programme for 2018 Information Days is now under development, with the aim of covering at least ten locations. The first event will be held in Bradford on 5th May. Others will be arranged for Plymouth, Glasgow, London, Dundee, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester.

Should you wish to contribute to the development of any materials, or see any information gaps among your patients, please do get in touch with our Director of Information, Lorraine Dallas - lorraine.dallas@roycastle.org

Many thanks to Lesley Holland for her sterling contribution to our information and service development during her time as our nominated link with the NLCFN committee.

Due to financial restrictions our maximum patient grant this year will be £175. We would encourage you to support applications from any patients who meet the criteria.

We are looking for patients who are prepared to share their experiences, participate in local awareness activities and feature in our campaigns. If you have any patients or carers who might be interested please get in touch.

**Lorraine Dallas, Director of Information,
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To find out more about how the RCLCF can support your patients visit their website at <https://www.roycastle.org/> or call on 0333 323 7200

MESOTHELIOMA NEWS



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Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

Mesothelioma News

It has been an exciting winter for Mesothelioma UK as the number of clinical nurse specialists in post has increased fifteen to eighteen. Louise Gilham in Kent, Rachel Thomas is in post at Guys and St Thomas Hospital and Joanne Hargrave has been appointed as a Thoracic Nurse Specialist Nurse at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Maria Guerin has commenced in Liverpool and Helen Wilkes based in Southampton has been appointed as the first Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialist in the UK to focus on helping the armed forces.

Helen will be the primary clinical contact for Mesothelioma UK's specialist armed forces information, advice and support service. This Government-funded initiative through Libor funds (funds from fines levied on the banking industry which are set aside for helping armed forces personnel) is delivering a specialist UK wide service for armed forces personnel and veterans who have been affected by mesothelioma. Helen will also work with Lisa Booth, based at HASAG in Southampton, to advise on specific benefits and

compensation claims for armed forces personnel and veterans affected by the disease.

The Mesothelioma UK Research Fund was launched on the 12th April. This is a fund dedicated to mesothelioma research and trials. We would like to be able to offer £1 million each year to researchers looking into better understanding and treatment of the disease. In addition to supporting researchers, the fund will also support the team of Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialists who have a responsibility to ensure that they are aware of current research and trial opportunities so that they can inform patients.

It was also very helpful to see the British Thoracic Society Guideline for the Investigation and Management of Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma, published in March, which now gives firm evidence based guidance.

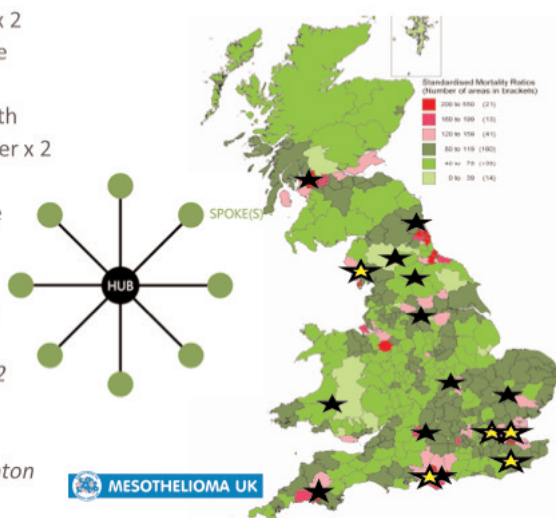
We eagerly await the National Mesothelioma Audit Report 2018 and the information this will produce to assist all of us with reflection and the future management of this disease.

So as you can see, as usual there is a lot going on at Mesothelioma UK and we look forward to delivering more updates during the Mesothelioma session at the NLCFN's Annual Conference on the 2nd November 2018.

**Lorraine Creech, Mesothelioma UK
CNS Team Leader**

Mesothelioma Specialist Nurse Posts

1. Leicester x 2
2. Cambridge
3. Wales
4. Portsmouth
5. Manchester x 2
6. Sheffield
7. Newcastle
8. Oxford
9. Glasgow
10. Plymouth
11. Yorkshire
12. London x 2
13. Kent
14. Liverpool
15. Southampton



The diagram shows a central 'HUB' connected to 15 'SPOKE(S)' locations across the UK. A map of the UK is overlaid with stars indicating the locations of these specialist nurse posts. A legend for Standardized Mortality Ratios (SMR) is also present, ranging from 0 to 250+.

Get in touch with Mesothelioma UK

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RESEARCH NEWS

The Research Interest Group

The National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses (NLCFN) is keen to develop research and evaluation activity to help improve care and services within lung cancer. With this goal in mind the NLCFN established a Research Interest Group (RIG) in 2010. This RIG aims to facilitate collaboration and dialogue between clinical and academic colleagues and bring together experienced researchers and nurse specialists with a declared interest in lung cancer and research.

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 us if you are working on a project that you would like added to the database via info@nlcfn.net

Promoting Research in Oncology Nursing (PRON) Research Training – 29th and 30th June

The Promoting Research in Oncology Nursing (PRON) Meeting will be held in Crewe on 29/30th June. PRON will replace the previous TORCH Research Training. PRON will be an enjoyable, interactive research training that aims to develop research confidence in those aiming to get more involved in research, audit of service evaluation. Our aim is to provide supportive training that will help people develop their own personal goals. Please see page 3 for more information on the PRON programme

Joint RIG / Thoracic Sub-group meeting

On 13th June 2018 the RIG and Thoracic Sub-group of NLCFN will have their second joint meeting. **Details to follow!**



IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer Toronto, Canada 23-26 September 2018

In 2018 the IASLC conference will be in Canada. All NLCFN nurses with research, audit or service evaluation projects are encouraged to submit abstracts.

Key dates are:

- May 4, 2018 Abstract Submission Deadline
- June 15, 2018 Abstract Notifications
- June 22, 2018 Early Registration Deadline
- August 3, 2018 Regular Registration Deadline
- September 23 – 26, 2018 Conference Dates

The NLCFN will be offering travel bursaries to support NLCFN members who have had an abstract accepted for presentation at the conference

Professor Angela Tod,
*Chair of the NLCFN Research Interest Group
Professor of Older People and Care, School of
Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sheffield.*

New members welcome!!!!

Any Forum member is welcome to attend or be on the circulation list for the RIG – see <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/RIG> for more details. It doesn't matter whether people are research active or not. We will welcome input and ideas from any Forum member. If you would like to join the RIG please email us at info@nlcfn.net quoting your full name and email address.

2017 has been a great year for new research activity. We have also been able to support the funding of some new projects by NLCFN members. See details below.

RESEARCH GRANTS

NLCFN Small Grants

The 2018 Small Grants scheme will be launched later this year. Please keep your eye out for announcements. Key dates are as follows:

- 1st June 2018 launch
- Closing date 7th September, 5pm

We are looking forward to hearing the findings from our 2017 grant award holders Maureen King and Sarah Morgan. Details are as follows:

- Maureen King: Hospital readmissions following lung cancer surgery within 30 days of discharge: Multi-Centred, prospective, three-month audit.
- Sarah Morgan: The impact of the lung cancer nurse specialist in facilitating a rapid access lung cancer clinic with remote access to the specialist clinician.

Josie Roberts, the 2016 grant award holder, is completing her project on the needs of lung cancer patients related to the recovery package.

Mesothelioma UK Nursing Research Grant

Applications for the 2018 Mesothelioma UK Nursing Research Grant have now closed.

Amy Kerr, from Heart of England NHS Trust in Birmingham, was the 2017 grant award holder. Amy is hoping to present some findings at IASLC in Toronto in September.

Amy's study is to run a prospective single blinded study of patients undergoing diagnostic surgery for suspected mesothelioma. The study will assess the accuracy of Structured Light Plethysmography to differentiate mesothelioma from benign pleural disease.

MEMBERS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Participate in our member poll

Please visit <https://www.nlcfn.org.uk/> and complete our one-question poll on non-medical prescribing. We're keen to find out how many members are (or are undertaking training to be) a non-medical prescriber. Simple select Yes or No on the poll on the right hand side of the home page and press VOTE



Meet your committee

Lucy Heycock, Advanced Nurse - lung cancer, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness



Not being quite sure what to do with a degree in Moral Philosophy, I went in to nursing in 1988 at Thomas, Guy and Lewisham School of Nursing, where the biggest success story by our cohort was deemed to be the voting out of cardboard caps. After the obligatory year backpacking, I found myself in Edinburgh where I did my MSc in Cancer Nursing. And after a few years

in Edinburgh I landed a post in 2001 in Oban as the Macmillan Palliative Care Nurse for the District General Hospital. In the 13 years there, the fledgling nurse-led chemotherapy service, initially a small aspect of my job, developed into an established 5 days a week chemotherapy/haematology day unit supported by consultants from Glasgow. While in Oban I completed a PG Cert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Independent Prescribing and Clinical Assessment courses.

Oban provided a beautiful, if somewhat wet, backdrop to my love of the outdoors and I spent much time off work on the water or up mountains and was lucky enough to be in the mountain rescue team for 10 years. Then the Lung Cancer Nurse post came up in Inverness and, continuing my general drift northwards, I moved up here in 2013. Since taking up post, I have been on the committee of the Scottish Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses. It has been very gratifying to find myself working with the dedicated and inspirational respiratory and oncology teams here. I love the life here, in and out of work.

Julia McAdam, Macmillan Lung CNS, Shrewsbury



I have worked as a Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist in Shropshire for fifteen years. Prior to that I had worked in Haematology, Oncology and as a Ward sister at our local hospice. More recently, I was also given the opportunity to cover the role of Lead Cancer Nurse for the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust. This led to numerous leadership opportunities within the Trust, and in particular I was very proud of the relationship that was established during 2015 with St. George's Hospital in London, as part of the NHS IQ Buddy programme.

I am currently the Chairperson of the West Midlands Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses, which promotes research and innovation and encourages peer support for approximately 40 Clinical Nurse Specialists across the region. We have recently extended the membership to a Lung Cancer Specialist Radiographer and a Lung Cancer Research Nurse Specialist. This has allowed to look at the different roles and work more collaboratively with our tertiary centers.

In 2016, we launched the Lung Support Programme at our hospital. The aim of the programme is to support Lung Cancer patients with the holistic elements of their care needs, as well introducing a physical activity facilitator to help promote their recovery from treatment. This innovation came after my colleagues had learned of a similar project at the NLCFN conference in Windsor.

I gained an MA in Medical Ethics and Law from Keele University in 2007. I am currently undertaking the Non Medical Prescribing module (Wolverhampton University) in order to improve the current nurse led services offered to patients.

I thoroughly enjoyed joining the NLCFN workshop in 2017 and from this decided to apply for the committee, hoping that in future I will be able to facilitate similar events.

NLCFN annual award 2016

The lung CNS team at Aintree were thrilled with the announcement that we had won the NLCFN annual award back in 2016. We, like many others, have intentions to apply every year and often are spoilt for choice as to which of our new initiatives to put forward for the award but up to now we have never got around to submitting.

However, after much prompting by one of our colleagues (our NLCFN chair), that we as a team should celebrate our success in the advancing care we provide for our patients, we agreed to submit an application on pre-clinic nurse assessment.

As a team of three we split the award between us each using our share for travel to relevant conferences.

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My share was utilised towards the total cost of the BTOG 2018 meeting, always popular with a full varied programme aimed at all Health care professionals, but can be difficult to self-fund. The programme this year was no exception with much discussion / debate around the national optimal lung cancer pathway and how areas may overcome obstacles in order to implement the pathway.

The meeting was particularly useful for me this year with the commencement of my new role as Mesothelioma UK nurse for Merseyside and Cheshire. The mesothelioma session provided a portfolio overview and update on clinical trials with opportunity for in depth discussion at the end of the session.

The NLCFN session provided an opportunity to be updated on nursing and AHP current practices in ensuring patient focused services.

Such a lot packed into 2.5 days but once again a great experience which may not have been possible without the NLCFN award. I would encourage all members to submit applications. It is a great way of actually making you realise what you and your teams have achieved and an opportunity to show case your work with the added advantage of possibly receiving access to some funding .

Maria Guerin, Lung Cancer CNS, Aintree Chest Centre

DATES FOR THE DIARY



29th and 30th June 2018

**Promoting Research in
Oncology Nursing (PRON)
Meeting**
The Midlands

23 – 26 September

**18th World Conference on
Lung Cancer**
Toronto, Canada
<https://www.iaslc.org/events/iaslc-19th-world-conference-lung-cancer-wclc2018>

19 – 23 October 2018

**European Society for
Medical Oncology**
Munich, Germany



SAVE THE DATE

ITONF 2018 WORKSHOP
Excellence in Thoracic Oncology Care

Sunday 23rd September • Toronto, Canada

The International Thoracic Oncology Nursing Forum (ITONF) is proud to announce its 5th Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Satellite Workshop at the World Conference on Lung Cancer of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC). The workshop will be simultaneously translated into French.

Proudly supported by IASLC

The Workshop program will be finalized and updated shortly. Updates will be provided via the WCLC2018 website or the ITONF website www.itonf.com



**Lung Cancer: Building
Hope in Challenging Times**

1-2 November 2018
The International Centre, Telford

NATIONAL LUNG CANCER FORUM FOR NURSES
NLCFN

See page 2 for full details



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