

NICE IMPROVING OUTCOMES GUIDANCE

Proposals for Gynaecology

Introduction

Improving Outcomes Guidance is issued by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, for a range of different cancers. Recommendations cover how services should be organised and provided in order to achieve the best clinical outcomes for patients.

Current Position

Within the North Trent Cancer Network, complex gynaecological surgery is undertaken in Sheffield and Doncaster. The IOG requirement is for all this complex surgery to take place in cancer centres, which for North Trent will be Sheffield. An implementation group is being set up to oversee this.

Proposal

The proposal, as above, is for the complex surgery to take place in Sheffield. However, consultation and investigations would continue to happen in Doncaster, as would follow up beyond the initial post operative care. It is intended that the surgery would be undertaken by the current Doncaster based surgeon, so that patients have continuity of care.

The new model would enable him to work as part of a larger team. Patients will be known to both the local multi-disciplinary team and to the network one.

Issues to be Addressed

Through the implementation group, work will be progressed on issues such as equity of access and how this will be managed.

For Bassetlaw ladies the change will mean a journey to Sheffield rather than Doncaster for their surgery, but not additional journeys.

The Trust will need to consider the wider impact on their services such as obstetrics.

Across the cancer network, there is confidence that the changes can be successfully managed, so that there is no detrimental impact on waiting times nor on clinical outcomes. These factors will be borne in mind by the implementation group as the work progresses.

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