

Position Statement from the Kent and Medway Cancer Network Chemotherapy Group on the Application of Network Guidance, Policy and Protocol Documentation within Private Sector Healthcare Organisations

Introduction

Frequent requests are received from Private Healthcare Providers for Kent and Medway Cancer Network (KMCN) Guidance, Policies and Protocol documents.

The objective of the KMCN is for all patients within the Network to receive care to the standard outlined in the Manual for Cancer Services (2007).

Potential benefits of collaboration between the K&MCN and Private Sector Healthcare Organisations.

- An opportunity for local organisations to share, develop and exchange good practice and innovation.
- Best patient-focused practice identified and continuous quality improvement sought through comparison and sharing.
- A valuable opportunity to challenge and break down traditional boundaries between, organisations and sectors and replace them with an integrated patient focus.

Position Statement

- KMCN will share all documentation to those involved in its development.
- Private Sector Healthcare Organisations wishing to use K&MCN documents would be expected to contribute to the workplan of the Network Chemotherapy Group and associated sub-groups. Organisations should ensure systems are in place to make appropriate personnel available to attend these meeting.
- Organisations should ensure they have adequate document control processes in place.
- Documents should only be used following ratification by the individual organisation's relevant expert panel.
- No responsibility will be accepted by the K&MCN for the accuracy of this information when used outside of NHS organisations.
- All documents ratified by the Network Chemotherapy Group will be available to the public to view on the K&MCN website under the professionals page.