

POLICY FOR ACCESS TO THE HAEMATOLOGY NETWORK DATABASE

The network audit group will provide members of the Haematology Network Site Specific Group, the Yorkshire and Humber and Yorkshire Coast Cancer Networks, Secondary and Primary Care Trusts with detailed information from all aspects of the database. This will include information on disease incidence, MDT review and performance, compliance with clinical guidelines, clinical outcomes and audit information. The prime source of this information will be the Haematological Malignancy Research Network website. Information will also be made available in the form of an annual report of the database.

The Audit group will organise an annual review of the data to present to the Network Site Specific Group.

The website design will enable network members to interrogate the database using a wizard and to request more detailed information.

Any member of the Network Site Specific Group, Primary and Secondary Care Trusts or Cancer Network teams may apply for access to information from the database in addition to the regularly supplied data. People outside of these areas may also apply but would be expected to demonstrate a clear link with a member of the Network or its activity. Any such application should be made to the Chair of the Network Audit Group directly or via the website www.bloodcancers.info and will be considered by the group at the next meeting.

Assessment of any application by the Audit Group will include:

- Data protection issues
- The source of the application
- What the data is to be used for
- The relevance of the project to the Network
- National drivers
- The likelihood that the results would affect patient care
- The potential impact of the proposed research
- Available resources for the project

The Audit Group will make a recommendation on any application to be ratified by the Network Site Specific Group.

A record of applications and their outcome will be maintained.

The current chair of the Network Audit Group is Dr Russell Patmore

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