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# Scottish HepatoPancreatoBiliary Network (SHPBN)

## Pancreatic Collaborative established 2018

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# **Scottish HepatoPancreatoBiliary Network (SHPBN)**

## **National Educational meeting Jan 2019**

Pancreatic Collaborative review 2019



Co chairs: Ross Carter & Lucy Wall

Questionnaire completed by secondary and tertiary care units across all 14 health boards in Scotland

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Pancreatic Collaborative review 2019



**Section 1: Diagnosis to Regional MDM Referral pathway**

**Section 2 - Regional MDM to initiation of treatment**

**Section 3 - Delivery of MDT proposed Treatment**

**Section 4 - Follow up, holistic care and anticipatory care provision**

# Executive summary findings:

## Phase 1: Diagnosis to regional MDM referral

- (1) There is **inconsistent patient referral, investigation and management pathways** across Scotland,
- (2) **Individual clinician preference** can influence referral pathways leading to inconsistencies in communication
- (3) There are variable **delays in reporting** of staging investigations
- (4) The finding of a pancreatic lesion suspicious of pancreatic cancer are **not routinely red flagged** by radiology to the referring clinician.
- (5) Most staging pathways involve **sequential “imaging-report- MDT-imaging”** cycles leading to protracted staging pathways, rather than in parallel “bundle” investigation of suspicious lesion

## Executive summary findings:

### Phase 2: Regional MDM to initiation of treatment :

- (6) MDM meetings in District General Hospitals results in **dual discussion** and potential delay referral to a Regional MDT.
- (7) **Referral information pre MDT is inconsistent / incomplete.**
- (8) **Communication** of outcome to patients, referring clinicians and general practitioners **pre MDT** is inconsistent and **often poor.**
- 9) Time to initiation of treatment, particularly in patients with potentially curable disease, regularly **exceeds 62 days** from referral as a result of the staging pathways
- (10) Delays in staging pathways can require **repetition of out-dated imaging** prior to treatment

## Executive summary findings: (cont.)

### Phase 3: Delivery of MDT proposed Treatment

- (11) Access to a full range of treatments or research trials are inconsistent across Scotland
- (12) Only ~ 50% of patients receive active treatment / < 5% get into trials

### Phase 4: Follow up, holistic care and anticipatory care provision

- (13) Significant specialist nurse time is taken up organising staging investigations/  
administrating MDTs rather than maximising direct patient contact.
- (14) There is variable CNS, community palliative care, dietetic, and psychological support  
and less than required
- (15) Universally limited best supportive care resource / community access to support



# So what can we do to improve early management?

Avoid delays in responding to positive investigations

Streamline the referral process

Prevent deterioration of performance status during assessment prior to initiation of treatment

Improve communication between all stakeholders from the point of initial referral

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**No single person taking responsibility for the patients  
cancer journey**

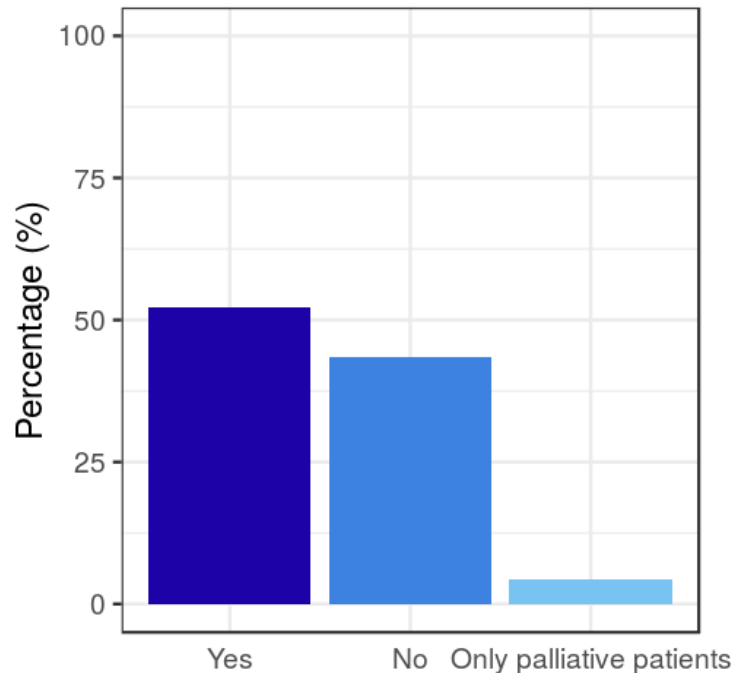
# Hepatocellular Carcinoma

## **SHPBN National Questionnaire:**

- 33 item questionnaire delivered
- 23 hospitals responded
- across 14 health boards



# Do your patients have access to a Clinical Nurse Specialist



■ Yes  
■ No  
■ Only palliative patients

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Yes	12 / 23	52.17%
No	10 / 23	43.48%
Only palliative patients	1 / 23	4.35%

## Strong themes in free-text:

- Key to coordinate patient journey (particularly given that patients often have long journeys)
- Help with continuity of care
- Some centres have liver nurses, but these are already busy!

# Key Worker/CNS

- Ensures communication with patient and family
- Ensures communication between departments and between hospitals
- Ensures the patient pathway is as smooth and efficient as possible

# Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs)

- Scottish Cancer Taskforce
- Provide quality improvement in cancer care across NHS Scotland
- National Quality performance Indicators
- Indicators for the management of HCC

# New Quality Performance Indicators (QPI) 2020

- Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) should have an identified keyworker to coordinate care across the patient pathway

# New Quality Performance Indicators (QPI) 2020

## Access to Palliative Systemic Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer

**Title:** Patients with inoperable pancreatic cancer should be seen by an oncologist to assess suitability for systemic treatment.

**Description:** Proportion of patients with pancreatic cancer not undergoing surgery who are seen in an oncology clinic within 6 weeks of initial diagnostic CT scan.

**Target:** 50% The tolerance within this target is designed to account for those patients with comorbidities for whom systemic therapy would not be appropriate, and for factors of patient choice.





## **Scottish HepatoPancreatoBiliary Network (SHPBN)**

### **Best Supportive Care Collaborative**

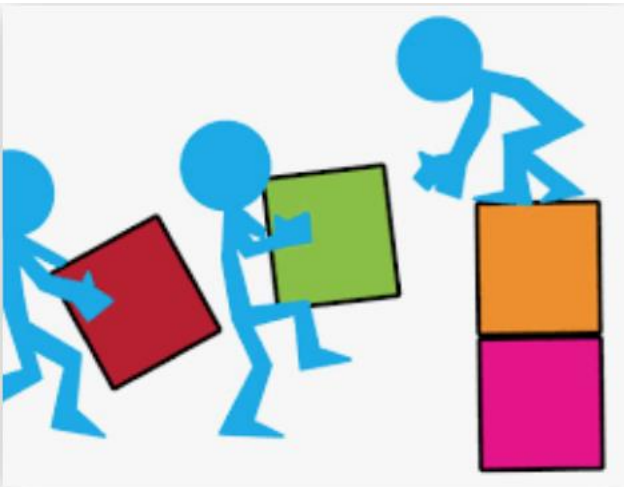
- British Liver Trust, Pancreatic Cancer Scotland, Pancreatic Cancer UK, Ayrshire Hospice.
- Surgeons, Palliative Care Consultants, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Dietician
- Support from Debbie Provan (WoSCAN Lead for Living With and Beyond Cancer)

## Better cancer care (Scottish Government 2008) states:

- “Care systems, protocols or pathways should be developed to ensure that psychological needs are actively considered as a part of planning care.”
- “A broad approach to quality.... ensures that every patient receives the same standard of care regardless of ... **geographical location.**”

# Realising Realistic medicine

- The Scottish Government proposes that ***“Scotland's NHS will become more patient centred and innovative with the aim that by 2025 anyone providing healthcare in Scotland will take a realistic medicine approach and in this way....”***
- Effective patient information and Education about treatment options so informed decisions can be made.



**Together is always better:  
we need to collaborate**

- *Same issues with other cancer groups*
- **Less survivable cancer task force:**  
Expert roundtable meetings with Scottish  
Government Cancer Policy team: 2020
- *Set up a CNS Scottish network for HPB cancers?*
- *Navigator for the patient along their journey?*

# thanks

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