

## LAY REPRESENTATION

### WHO? HOW?

- Tony Murphy – Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) – the professional body for Clinical Oncologists
- Linda Samuels – (Society and College of Radiographers Patient Liaison Group)
- Lay Representatives - National Radiotherapy Implementation Group (NRIG)

## Why lay input?

- **Lay representation/ patient and public involvement**
  - **why is it important?**
- create better understanding of complex NHS and health issues
- strengthen public confidence in the service.
- make real, sustainable changes by ensuring that the patient's voice is heard.
- Greater experience of service – not just one area of care
- Can reveal shortcomings and problems
- Reminds professionals to keep patients and public at the centre of all policies and initiatives

## National policy towards patient and public engagement

- Kennedy Report
- Subsequent Acts and government reports
- Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer -committing to the engagement of service-users in the development of cancer services - *no decision about me without me*

## **What is NRIG?**

- to monitor the implementation and recommendations of the NRAG report
- Group members
- Terms of Reference
- Sub-groups and short-life working groups

## **Image Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT) Report**

- IGRT sub-group was a short-life working group whose report was published only two weeks ago.
- Its remit was to support the uptake and appropriate evidence – based use of IGRT
- Technical document

## **Workforce Sub-Group**

- Challenges
- New technologies
- The overall aim is to develop a fully trained workforce and also to provide training for research
- Representation

## **Other examples of lay input**

- Surveys on Radiotherapy
- Patient Information
- Comments on documentation
- Radiotherapy safety

## **Patient Surveys**

- Need for and design of surveys
  - Appointment times for radiotherapy treatment
  - Satisfaction with radiotherapy services

## **Written information**

- Patient and carer written information
  - General - CR UK and Macmillan
  - Information Prescriptions

## **Comments on documentation**

- Radiotherapy Data Set – annual reports
- Service delivery documents
- Palliative/radical treatments and numbers

## **....and finally**

- **National Radiotherapy Advisory Group (NRAG) conference 2012**
- **'Horizon Planning for radiotherapy services'**
- **14<sup>th</sup> November 2012, Hilton Birmingham Metropole**
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