

Oesophagoose Meeting Minutes. April 17th 2019.

Announcements and Professional update. Claire Sedgwick and Maria Bliss.

Apologies: Janine

- Staffing update – new nurse Emma from Gateshead. There has been a turnover of specialist nurses in the area including Carlisle and Durham. RVI oncologists are going over to Carlisle at weekends to help with patients. Maz Lavidí has taken up the role of Prof Griffin. Consultants are Mr Immanuel, Hayes, Phillips and Warhead.
- Staff at the RVI don't just deal with local people. Sometimes scans are done at weekends.
- Claire reported on their work on 'Pathways to Recovery'. Although they wanted to colour code the patient pathways there have been obstacles in the way. It's not going as smoothly as they wanted, but hopefully patients will be treated within 2 weeks as planned.
- The staff in Upper GI are very overworked and Claire T, who is on maternity leave soon, will need replacing. The nurses have been dealing with more palliative patients recently which has taken its toll emotionally. Janine(dietitian) was unable to attend this meeting because of workload.

Whole group discussion/Q&A led by Claire and Maria.

Claire and Maria gave information and held an open forum around the following topics:

- Dilatations and shortage of staff to carry these out.
- Obesity and genetics causing cancer.
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Next Meeting April 17th, 2019. 2pm Maggie's