

# Prostate Cancer Advisory Group

## Terms of Reference – revised January 2014

### Remit of the Prostate Cancer Advisory Group

To facilitate collaboration between NHS England, Public Health England, the voluntary sector, patient and professional groups, and to advise ministers and the National Clinical Director for Cancer Services on the development of policy on prostate cancer. The group will also consider issues relating to UK-wide provision as appropriate, and provide advice on other urological cancers where there is an overlap in service provision.

### Objectives

- To review progress in implementation of the prostate cancer elements of Government prostate cancer policy in England and the effectiveness of current delivery of diagnostic, treatment and palliative care services.
- To advise on present and future policy programmes and priorities to tackle prostate cancer, such as:
  - the implementation of the revised NICE Guidance on Prostate Cancer, and NICE Guidance on Improving Outcomes in Urological Cancers,
  - the assessment of future resource needs,
  - the improvement of information sharing on all aspects of prostate cancer, and
  - educational needs regarding new and existing treatments
- To advise on future public awareness programmes for prostate cancer.
- To advise on future research priorities and the implications of research results for policy on prostate cancer, such as translational research, the need to increase the number of patients in clinical trials, and the impact of molecular biology on prostate cancer treatments.
- To consider and advise as appropriate on the development of the Prostate Cancer Risk Management Programme (PCRMP), taking on board advice from the PCRMP Scientific Reference Group.
- To be represented on the Improving Outcomes Strategy for Cancer Implementation Advisory Group, in order to facilitate collaboration on overall cancer policy and implementation.

- To facilitate horizon-scanning and learning between the UK nations. The group will include representation from the devolved nations nominated by the respective Chief Medical Officers (CMOs).

### **Secretariat**

- Administrative support for the Prostate Cancer Advisory Group will be provided by Prostate Cancer UK

### **Timescale and frequency of meetings**

- Meetings of the Group will take place approximately three times a year. Additional meetings can be held if necessary
- Sub-groups may be formed as required to advise on specific areas of policy. They will report to the full Advisory Group on their findings. Individuals with specific areas of expertise may be appointed to these as agreed by the Advisory Group. Sub-groups will meet at appropriate intervals.