Developing new services for young people with cancer

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Background

- Only very recent understanding of the impact of cancer in young people & appropriate care
- Few evaluations of existing UK services (Kelly et al 2004)
- Expertise within specialist units has been poorly documented
- Support services during and beyond cancer have been developing
Age-specific issues

- Evidence of more delay in the diagnosis of cancer for young people, than children or older adults
- Delay is one factor contributing to poorer cancer outcomes
- Very little research exists from the perspectives of young people themselves
‘They shouldn't say it’s fine when it’s not....’
Tumour distribution in TYA is unique and not replicated in any other age group.
Developments

- Now 8 specialist TCT Units across The UK
- TCT Nurse Consultants/Lead Nurses
- Publications, conferences, practice-based projects
- TYAC (www.tyac.org.uk)
- Interdisciplinary/international online course at Coventry University, UK
- PhDs now being supervised.
References


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