Reflection from Liverpool 2016

10th International H&N QOL conference
1999: Matthew and Lucy at time of the 1st conference
Reflection on the past, present and future
Create the foundations for the future
Key issues

- Whole range of topics
Major impact on patients and carers of H&N cancer

- Physical / Functional
- Emotional
- Social
- Distress
Patient and carers living the aftermath of cancer

The survivorship framework

1. Care and support pathway

- Diagnosis
- Primary treatment
- Survivorship care plan
  (living document setting out aftercare)
  
  Remission/ Follow up
  - Remains well
  - Late effects

  Recurrence
  
  Active and advanced
  2nd & Subsequent Treatments
  EOLC
Contributions

• International
• Multiprofessional
• Patients

• Patient focuses
Quality of presentations

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Robust audits
- Cohort studies
- Mphil / PhDs
- RCTs
Contributions

- Challenging
- Novel
- Realistic/ deliverable
• Much more data – individualised to multiple clinical characteristics and subsites
• Broad range of issues of importance to the patient and the family – patient experience - narratives
• More frequent – at many different time points
• Impacting on patient care – real time
• Inform and refine treatment protocols
• Drive interventions – early recognition (24:7 / at home)
• Information technology – SMART phones / iPADs
• Reduce health care costs – Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP)
• Right patient:right professional – linked care across all providers and charities. Reduced duplication and clear pathways
• Evidence /Education / Training / Realistic expectations
What makes a good conference?

- Set up
- Faculty
- Keynotes
- Proffered papers
- Delegates
Date for your diary

- 11th International H&N QOL conference
  November 2018 (8th/ 9th)
  Leeds

- Keep in touch