

## Visit from ONCODEFI     Debbie Wyatt



Oncodefi is an organisation based in France which is “dedicated to the best care of cancer in people with intellectual disability. It conducts research in all domains linked to ‘cancer and intellectual disability’, epidemiology, psychology, biology... particularly if there is a lack of information needed for an adapted care”.

In 2013, a study undertaken by Debbie Wyatt and Pat Talbot entitled ‘What knowledge and attitudes do paid carers of people with a learning disability have about cancer?’ was published in the European Journal of Cancer Care.

Dr Daniel Satge, the Director of Oncodefi, contacted Debbie in January 2016 to discuss conducting a similar study in France and the following year was successful in a bid to receive preliminary funding to replicate Pat and Debbie’s study.

Dr Daniel Satge and Sarah Habib-Hadef, Clinical Research Associate, visited Debbie at the University of Chester on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 where they discussed how the ONCODEFI study could be planned and co-ordinated to allow future comparisons between the two studies, and to strengthen collaborations between the two organisations.

Debbie also arranged for Daniel and Sarah to visit The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and to meet the Trust’s Clinical Specialist for Additional needs, Debbie De Jonge. Daniel and Sarah were impressed by the positive approaches to supporting people with an Intellectual Disability who require treatment for cancer at CCC and suggested making a short video of these initiatives so that best practice could be shared. The two day visit was extremely successful and Debbie Wyatt and Debbie De Jonge have been invited to speak at the Second International Symposium on cancer in persons with an Intellectual Disability in Montpellier in October.

Further information about ONCODEFI and the Symposium can be found at <http://www.oncodefi.org/en/>

