

# Partners in Paediatrics Newsletter

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## INTRODUCTION

Members agreed that the next PiP meeting would be a workshop, in order to determine the future direction of PiP and the best method of steering the project. As a consequence this update is designed to keep the steering group up to date on the progress of PiP projects. Any requests for help and any comments would be gratefully received.

## PIP WORKSHOP – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – Salvin Hall, Keele

Invitations to attend this facilitated workshop will be circulated shortly, but please put this date in your diary!

## STAFF NEWS

Many people will know that our Chairman David O'Neill is undertaking a secondment at Wigan PCT Acute Trust as Project Director – System Reform. We are pleased that David has agreed to continue as Chair for the foreseeable future.

Julia continues to work on a part-time basis and is working hard to deliver the WTD funded projects.

Nicky our coordinator has reduced her hours and is now mainly working on PiP conferences, which have become an increasingly successful part of the PiP portfolio. These are run on a no profit basis, which is a considerable help to a cash poor NHS.

### Conferences taking place in the near future are:

PiP Workshop March 2006  
Paediatric Endocrine Study Day May/June 2006  
Paediatric Anaesthetics Study Day  
CME Study Day  
Paediatric Epilepsy Study Day September 2006

*If you have any ideas for other conferences you would like to see organised, then please contact Nicky on 01782 552002 or email [nicky.smith@uhns.nhs.uk](mailto:nicky.smith@uhns.nhs.uk)*

We have been trying to appoint another project manager to support the working groups.

Unfortunately, these plans have been delayed, due to 'Agenda for Change', which has made it increasingly difficult to get the banding correct, and the fact that 'cash strapped' trusts are putting all posts - even if externally funded - through a lengthy evaluation and needs assessment. However, we hope that we will soon be in a position to advertise.

## PAEDIATRIC GUIDELINES

The guidelines project is about to kick in again for the next revision of the PiP guidelines, which are due to be printed this summer. Paddy McMaster has been

requesting help with revisions and authoring new guidelines. Now is a good time to forward any criticisms or corrections for the last set of guidelines and Paddy would welcome any offer of help!

#### WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE

Work has commenced between Telford & Shrewsbury and between North & South Staffordshire. We also intend to commence a project in Burton, working with colleagues in both the Acute and Community Trusts.

Largely as a result of PiP WTD plans, the Staffordshire and Shropshire SHA were awarded 200K for further work on the WTD projects. It has been agreed that this money will be pooled, with the 50K that each of the other two West Midlands SHAs received, to support the development of paediatric and maternity networks across the West Midlands. Clearly PiP will continue to play an important advisory role and continue to support the projects that have already commenced.

#### WEST MIDLANDS "MEDICINES FOR CHILDREN RESEARCH NETWORK"

Evidence of networking though PiP was also an important component of a recent bid for a West Midlands "Medicines for Children Research Network". The bid for 600K was successful. This money is to support medicines research in children and it is anticipated that PiP Trusts will be able to participate in future projects and benefit from the infrastructure support that will be purchased with this money. Professor Deirdre Kelly has been leading the project.

#### PAEDIATRIC SPECIALISED SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP (PSSAG)

Dr Jonathan Howell, Consultant in Public Health to the Shropshire & Staffordshire Specialised Services Consortium, is now the chair of PSSAG. Attempts to engage commissioners are continuing through this group. Progress in this area is likely to be slow, in view of the major re-organisation that is currently going on, but it is an important area for us to pursue. We are hoping that some of the Commissioners for Children's services will attend our Workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

*The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 4pm.*

#### WORKING GROUPS

The following working groups are still active:

- Rheumatology
- Gastroenterology
- Child Protection
- Surgery

The financial state of many Trusts has undoubtedly slowed progress on the appointment of lead clinicians for paediatric surgery. However, the second audit of the surgical standards is about to recommence.

#### ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR 7

The PiP annual report is due to be printed shortly and will be circulated thereafter.

## DISTRIBUTION

Please circulate this newsletter to paediatricians and senior nurses/directorate managers in your Trust.

### **PiP Core Team**

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