



Partners in Paediatrics

MINUTES: PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHETIC NETWORK (PAN)

23rd September 2010 - Post Graduate Medical Centre, Stafford DGH

Present:

Abigail Akita New Cross, Wolverhampton
Rob Alcock Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt, Oswestry
Imogen Billingham (co-Chair) Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool
Nuala Bywater, Hereford Hospital
Richard Crombie (co-Chair) Heart of England
Suja Chari UHCW
Alistair Cranston BCH
Simon Crighton, Warwick Hospital
Andy George Mid Cheshire Hospital, Crewe
Manab Haldar Queen's Hospital Burton
Lucy Leong, Worcester Acute
Simon Mills UHNS
Alison Thwaites SWBH
Julia Greensall Partners in Paediatrics

Apologies:

Bernhard Freitag Walsall Hospital
Paul Innes Russells Hall Hospital
Rob Law, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital (SATH)
Dori Ann McCulloch Stafford General Hospital
Randall Pearson, George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

Lucy Leong was welcomed to her first meeting.

Richard Crombie chaired the meeting.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held **on Wednesday, 21st April 2010** were accepted as a true record.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- **WM Quality Review Group (WMQRG)** : Alistair explained that the WMQRG has taken over the work Care of the Critically Ill Child Steering Group. The WMQRG had not met for about 18 months – as its future had been unclear (funded 17/18 by PCTs and 1/18th by the SHA).

The following were discussed at the last meeting:

- a) **Standards Document:** Version 3 will be amended (to include issues raised during the 2006 visits) & will be produced – by end of 2010. Alistair has requested that this remains as a regional document.

The PICS national group have also produced a national standards document, but it is not clear how this document will be used.

Standards relating to Trauma should be included in Version 3 or Version 4.

- b) **Peer Review visits:** The WMQRG have a number of areas to address within their programme. There will be another round of Peer Review visits organised during 2012. The PAN standards will be used during this time.

The next meeting of the WMQRG will be March 2011.

- **Healthcare Commission (HC) Report:** It was noted that the HC is now the Care Quality Commission (CQC). No further action is being taken in relation to this report.

Noted: In relation to training in child protection - An Intercollegiate document from the RCN is due out in October. Alistair has seen a draft, which is recommending 5 levels of training. Level 3 is to be recommended for Anaesthetists. The Anaesthetists' Colleges have drawn up a response – recommending that there should be a lead within each department who should have Level 3 training.

In Worcester, the Anaesthetists have compulsory training included within their Job Plans; they have to do APLS training.

- **Future work re Paediatric Surgery:**

PiP is planning to do further work in relation to Paediatric Surgery – to explore how they can support the development of networked services between all the Trusts in the region (and including Alder Hey). Following the 3-day event held in October 2009, the LCCBs had been tasked with progressing work, but no progress appears to have been made.

Some work has been undertaken by BEN PCT (working on behalf of the 3 PCTs in Birmingham). They have been looking at the capacity of BCH.

PiP would like to revise the Standards that the Surgery Group produced and will explore working with the CQC on this. It was noted that consideration should be given to linking with the work of the WMQRG.

In order to proceed, PIP will be setting up a multi-disciplinary group to revise the Standards. The support of an Anaesthetist was requested and it was agreed that Alistair should undertake this role.

➤ **PiP Paediatric Guidelines**

The 4th edition of the Guidelines is going to print - expected publication date - November 2010. Alistair had updated the Guidelines in relation to the Anaesthetic and Critical Care sections.

➤ **Alder Hey's membership of PiP:**

Alder Hey has renewed membership of PiP. Management want to remain involved in discussions around the future of paediatric surgery. Imogen said that there are many changes currently taking place within the organisation, so membership will be kept under review.

➤ **Form re pre-operative services:**

Rob Alcock had not been able to find out the provenance of this form. No further action.

➤ **WM Paediatric Critical Care Forum – held 22/09/10:** Suja had attended this one-day event. The retrieval service did a report on the first year, which was well received. HDU facilities were discussed. Some trusts have no HDU facilities. It was felt that the HDU issue might be resolved by the future of the Trauma services, although nothing definite has been agreed.

Agreed: The potential for the retrieval service to do training for staff from trusts could be explored.

Agreed: That the issues raised within the Tanner report are still relevant for future planning of service provision. In particular, the emphasis Tanner placed on the importance of team working.

3 Update : PART

Alison has not been able to progress this work in recent months. However, it was felt that the work was not far from being completed and she would be able to concentrate on this again over the coming weeks. The recovery section will be focussed on first. Also, the theory manual is still to be completed. The work can then be forwarded to BCU for processing through the committee.

4 Evaluation from Study Day - held 10th June 2010:

Attendance at the event had been less than in previous years, but there had been competition from 3 other events taking place at the same time.

On the whole, the event evaluated well. The speakers were good and the debates well received. The poor acoustics in the room were commented on.

Agreed: Alison to be the lead for organising the 2011 event.

- Ensure the programme is attractive and advertise it as early as possible. The event will be held in September 2011; we will endeavour not to clash with other events.
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Actions:

- Alison will send speakers the evaluation focussing on the positive aspects.
- PAN members to give consideration to clinical topics and speakers; to be discussed at the December PAN.
- Suja to get programme from the Leicester event.
- Stafford PGMC to be venue, but to move to Rob Thomas Lecture Theatre.

5 Review of Terms of Reference

The appointment of the new co-chair was discussed as Imogen had held the post for 3 years. It was agreed that it was not necessary for the network to be chaired by a representative from both a DGH and a specialist centre. Alistair will continue to be a member of the PAN; as he is now Meeting Secretary for the APA he will be able to update the PAN on national issues.

Rob Alcock was proposed and seconded. Rob will be co-chair for the next 3 years.

The issue of CAs from DGHs going to the specialist centres for 'refresher' training was discussed. This is not happening as much as it could, largely due to the procedures that have to be undertaken – ie, Honorary Contracts, CRB checks etc. However, Simon Crighton is due to go to BCH for a week in the near future. It was agreed that for this training to be useful it needs to be targeted and requires flexibility from all parties.

Rob said that he supports a colleague with training and provides it for trainees in the North West.

The possibility of the retrieval service providing 'hands on' training was raised. Sophie Jones is the training person with the retrieval service and has contacted all hospitals in the West Midlands asking them in what way she could help with information, training and feedback. This has been left to the individual hospitals to arrange with her.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) were discussed and reviewed. Next review date Sept 2011.

Actions: The ToR to be amended and circulated.
Simon Cr to report back on 'refresher' training to the December meeting.

5 Report for the PIP Annual Report to be prepared:

A report on the work of the PAN had last been produced in 2004. Julia proposed doing a further report for the 2010 report. There was unanimous agreement to this.

Action: Julia to prepare draft and forward by e-mail to all members for comment in due course.

6. PAIN Guidelines –due for Review November 2010:

As Tim Smith had been central to developing these, it was agreed that he should be approached and asked if he would like to be involved in reviewing them, or if they should become a part of the PAN's work.

Actions: Julia and Lucy to speak to Tim.
The document to be circulated and discussed at December meeting.

AOB:

a) Manab raised the subject of PEWS (Paediatric Early Warning System). He had been trying to introduce a PEWS score at Burton, but the legal department will not allow it to be used. Also, the view from Toronto (who developed the PEWS) is that it has to be purchased.

PEWS is being used at BHST – where the nursing staff are auditing it. It is also being used at Wolverhampton – where it has helped with the work around the HDU. Coventry & Warwick are looking to use it in the next couple of months.

Actions: AK to find out how it has been used at New Cross.

b) PiP Open Meeting is being held on 4th October. The event is 'Taking Care of Quality' and Peter Lachman from GOSH is the keynote speaker.

c) Julia mentioned the work of the Yorkshire Children's Surgery and Anaesthetic Network. It was agreed that it may be helpful to invite the Lead Clinician to talk to the Surgeons.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 10th December: 9.30 am – 12.00 noon (please note time change).

A sandwich lunch is provided afterwards.

Venue: Stafford PGMC

Post-meeting notes:

Start of Meeting time change: Following e-mail correspondence with members, it has been agreed to start the meetings at 9.30 am. A sandwich lunch will be provided at 11.30. This will enable members to get back to base for afternoon commitments more easily.

Re PAIN guidelines. Tim smith is pleased that the Guidelines are valued to have further use. As they were written with input from others, he feels it would be best for the PAN to review them in future.

Dates for 2011 meetings have been agreed:

Friday, 11th March

Wed, 15th June

Thursday, 8th December

The 2011 Study Day will be held on Thursday, 22nd September

Venue for all meetings and Study Day: Stafford PGMC – Rob Thomas Lecture Theatre

Minutes prepared by:

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