



Partners in Paediatrics

MINUTES: PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHETIC NETWORK (PAN)

25th September 2009 - Post Graduate Medical Centre, Stafford DGH

Present: **Imogen Billingham (co-Chair)** Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool
Richard Crombie (co-Chair) Heart of England
Manab Haldar Queen's Hospital Burton
Abigail Akita New Cross, Wolverhampton
Alison Thwaites SWBH
Alistair Cranston BCH
Dori Ann McCulloch Stafford General Hospital
Rob Law, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital (SATH)
Andy George Mid Cheshire Hospital, Crewe
Julia Greensall Partners in Paediatrics

Apologies:

Tim Long Warwick Hospital
Tim Smith Worcester Acute
Simon Mills UHNS
Bernhard Freitag Walsall Hospital
Suja Chari UHCW
Rob Alcock Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt, Oswestry
Randall Pearson, George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Jana Bellin, SWBH
Lesley Hines, Partners in Paediatrics

Richard Crombie chaired this meeting.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held **on Friday, 24th April 2009** were accepted as a true record.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- **Healthcare Commission Report: "Improving Services for Children"**; this report had previously been circulated to PAN members. Alistair said that he had given the PAN members' views on the report to the APA. A meeting between the APA and the Care Quality

Commission (CQC) had been held, and a further meeting had been scheduled for the 23rd September. The outcome of this meeting was not known, but will be reported to the Linkman meeting - to be held in February 2010.

One of the proposals in the report was that all Anaesthetists should have Level 2 Child Protection training. The view from the Healthcare Commission (HCC) is that 21 paediatric cases should be undertaken per year. The number has not been justified and the APA does not agree with this. Following discussion between the APA and the CQC it is likely that revamped resuscitation training and CP training will be advised. Current APA advice is not to spend any time or effort in attempting to meet the original HCC advice re numbers.

Imogen said that the APA had recently sent out a questionnaire re CP and resus training.

Dori Ann said the Stafford hospital is currently considering the CQC recommendations – and the likely effect on paediatric surgery.

Action: Members who have not yet provided information on numbers – please forward to Alistair.

➤ **Questionnaire re retrieval services:**

Tim Long was not present so there was no further information concerning the Questionnaire. It was agreed that members should continue to collect cases from now and for all to undertake an audit in January 2010.

Actions: Imogen to ask Tim to send final version of spreadsheet;
Imogen to send information received to date to all;
Completed forms to be sent to Tim for collation.

West Midlands Paediatric Retrieval Service

It was noted that the West Midlands Paediatric Retrieval Service (WMPRS) had started on 14/09; Alistair had spoken to Phil Wilson, the Service Coordinator; the WMPRS had retrieved all cases to date; (all but one of the children had gone to BCH).

Feedback from Study Day – held 4th June

The Study Day had been well attended and evaluated well. These Study Days are now an annual event. (see below for information re 2010 Study Day).

Action: Julia to forward Evaluation summary to all.

- **APA Newsletter ‘ News from the Networks’;** Alistair had completed a summary of the work of the PAN, which had been published in the last edition of the Newsletter; this had been well-received. ‘News from the Networks’ is a new section and it is understood that each network will be asked to contribute approximately once every two years.
- **CPD points for PAN meetings;** Richard has been informed that it is not possible to get CPD points for the meetings. However, members felt that if presentations were given at the meetings, that these may qualify for the points.

Action: Further consideration to be given to this in due course.

Terms of Reference: These have now been ratified and will be circulated with the minutes.

Peer Review visits; Two rounds of visits have been undertaken between 2005 and 2009. This year 4 ‘targeted visits have been carried out; Richard said that Good Hope had been re-visited.

Alistair said that the CIC Steering Group (SG) had found it difficult to meet and there is no further date agreed yet. He feels that the SG members need to decide if they are going to carry out more ‘Peer Review’ visits to all Trusts or undertake ‘self-assessment’ type work, in conjunction with some visits.

➤ **PIP / SHA Open Meeting held 9th July**

Julia said that two regional meetings had been held – one on 22nd June re ‘Configuration of Paediatric & Maternity Services’, and one on 9th July re “Models for Service Improvement and Configuration of Children’s Services (the meeting in July had been co-sponsored by PIP).

There were two important messages which came out of the meetings:

a) There was a broad consensus that as a region we had moved from addressing questions of ‘Whether to reconfigure?’ on to addressing issues of ‘what’ and ‘how’ to reconfigure;

b) Solutions to the configuration and service models for both paediatrics & maternity services required both local and regional planning. The new Medical Director of the SHA, Neil Deuchar, had said that the SHA would be

taking the lead on this work and assessing the region wide position, in order to evaluate the potential impact of configuration between local health economies.

Following the events, the PCTs had to submit plans to the SHA by 25/09/09 and the SHA aimed to respond to PCTs by 16/10/09.

3 Update : Paediatric Anaesthesia & Recovery Training (PART)

Alison said that the original aim was to get the required paperwork to the BCU board by September; we had initially been told that we could present the 'framework' only, but then informed that we needed all the competencies completed and forwarded too. The aim now was to get to the October Board but there was recognition that this deadline was tight; two of the Theory chapters are outstanding and further work is required on the 'Anaesthetic techniques' competency module.

Paul Caldwell – the ODP from BCH has recently changed roles and is therefore no longer able to progress the section of the work he was developing.

Once the course has been approved, further discussion is needed about the ongoing assessment process and which individuals in the Trusts should 'sign off' the competencies.

The content of the Study Day also needs to be agreed.

Richard said that in due course, there might be the potential for this work to be incorporated into ODP training.

Actions: Julia to arrange meeting with Barbara Nugent at BCU at the earliest opportunity.

Alison to circulate the Theory Chapters to all PAN members to comment on.

Alistair will ask the Lead Practitioner at BCU to comment on the training proposal when completed.

Richard and Julian to complete their respective Theory Chapters.

Julia to forward the Module from Paul Caldwell to Alison.

4 Paediatric Surgery Strategy Event – 13th -15th October

This event has been organised by the West Midlands SCG. Some concern was expressed about the aims and process, the time commitment and whether all the lead paediatric surgeons who should contribute would be attending. Not all areas have agreed locally what the way forward should be, and so it may be difficult to agree a 'region-wide' view that could be implemented. Some

PAN members are attending and so it was felt that the Network needed to see what the outcome was.

Action: Julia to see if someone involved in the event could come and present the outcomes at the next PAN meeting.

5 Projects for 2010:

PART training: It was acknowledged that this is progressing well and will continue as a project;

Impact of the Surgery Strategic Event: how will this impact on work of anaesthetists?

Annual Study Day: See below;

Retrieval Audit: to be undertaken initially in January;

Peer Review of 'orphan' hospitals – ie, Alder Hey, Leighton & Macclesfield. It was agreed that Members of the PAN could undertake Peer Review visits of these hospitals (if that is what they wanted). Only the anaesthetic standards would be reviewed.

Some discussion took place as to whether further Guidelines should be developed, but it was agreed not to do so.

6 Study Day 2010: To be held on Thursday, 10th June. Alison is the Lead organiser, with the assistance of PAN members.

7 Dates for 2010 meetings:

The following dates were agreed. **Please note:** meetings will continue to be held at Stafford PGMC. Meetings are from 10 am – 12.30 with a sandwich lunch included.

January 15th – Friday
April 21st – Wednesday
September 23rd – Thursday
December 10th - Friday

The 2010 Study Day is Thursday, 10th June. Venue: the Dunwoodie Lecture Theatre, Stafford PGMC.

8 AOB

- **'Modelling the Future 111'** - Julia said that this RCPCH document is due to be published in the near future.
- **NCEPOD** – Alistair said that the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome & Death (NCEPOD) are currently recruiting Clinical Advisors for Surgery in Children / looking at paediatric mortality from April 2008 – 2010. They are asking for applications from anaesthetists. Further information is available on the website (www.ncepod.org.uk); it is thought that there will be about 5 meetings during 2010 and 1 training day in December 09. Closing date for applications is mid October.
- **BCH internet site**; this will be: www.bchgas.com. Alistair said this is still *intranet* only as some technical issues need to be addressed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 15th January: 10 am – 12.30 pm. A sandwich lunch is provided afterwards.

Minutes prepared by:

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