



## **Partners in Paediatrics**

### **MINUTES: ANAESTHETIC WORKING GROUP**

13<sup>th</sup> July 2007, Post Graduate Medical Centre, Stafford DGH

#### **Present:**

**Alistair Cranston** (Chair) BCH  
**Dori Ann McCulloch** (Chair) Stafford General Hospital  
**Abigail Akita** Newcross Hospital, Wolverhampton  
**Manab Haldar** Burton Hospital  
**Andrew George** Mid Cheshire Hospital, Crewe  
**Tim Smith** Alexandra Hospital, Redditch  
**Bernhard Freitag** Walsall Hospital  
**Imogen Billingham** Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool  
**Richard Crombie** Consultant Anaesthetist – Heartlands & Solihull  
**Tim Long** Warwick Hospital  
**Nuala Bywater** Hereford County Hospital  
**Julian Berlet** Worcester Acute Hospital  
**Nicky Smith** PiP (Minutes)

#### **Apologies**

**Sue Watkins** Good Hope Hospital  
**Julia Greensall** Project Manager, PiP  
**Ian Bagueley** Consultant Anaesthetist – Royal Shrewsbury  
**Sujatha Chari** UHCW Coventry  
**Alison Thwaites** Consultant Anaesthetist - City & Sandwell Hospitals  
**Rob Alcock** RJAH Hospital, Oswestry  
**David Freschini** UHNS

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were accepted as a true record.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

- It was suggested that paediatric surgery would go to Stoke, therefore this would have serious implications on the anaesthetic services at Stafford. This is no longer the case and Stafford are continuing to provide paediatric surgery. Dr Freschini to update on the joint appointment between Stoke one Alder Hey at the next working group meeting in November. The two new surgeons have been in post since May 2007.
- The surgery project update will be presented by Mrs Julia Greensall also at the November meeting.
- Maternity Services to be discussed at the next meeting.

### 4. PAEDIATRIC GUIDELINES

- The working group felt that it would be beneficial to produce a set of anaesthetic guidelines which could be adapted by each hospital. Dr Tim Smith collated current paediatric anaesthetic guidelines from each of the Trust representative. The main focus of these guidelines were to form one set which could be used regionally and not locally. Dr Smith presented the guidelines at the meeting. The chosen format for the document is very simple, using basic fonts, size etc (this document has been circulated to all members of the group via email).

Action: All members have been asked to forward feedback to Dr Smith on all sections of the document before the next meeting. Some sections such as epidural may need to be reviewed.

### 5. UPDATE ON TRAINING

- Julian reported that some Trusts run in house training, others don't. Julian agreed to get advise from a manager on how to take the training forward.

Action: All members of the group are to find out what training is taking place in their hospital and report to Dr Julian Berlet.

### 6. STUDY DAY 2007

- It was agreed that Dr McCulloch and Nicky are to organise the next paediatric anaesthetic study day which will take place on either Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

#### Suggested topics

1. Common paediatric emergencies
2. Post op vomiting
3. Unusual airways (ENT Surgeon)
4. How to make decisions in a DGH
5. Paediatric guidelines
6. To do or not to do (3 of the working group reps on the panel to present the cases).

## **7. LESSONS FROM THE TANNER REPORT**

- Deferred

## **8. REPORT FROM PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP**

- The group went through the standards, discussing what worked and what didn't work. Suggestions on how they should be reviewed and what changes to be made were noted. **Action: Alistair to circulate the document.**

## **9. GROUP CHAIRMANSHIP**

- Dr Alistair Cranston has handed over his position as joint chair to Dr Imogen Billingham. Dr Billingham and Dr McCulloch will continue to co chair the working group.

## **9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**23rd November 2007**, 10am - 12.30pm, Rab Thomas Lecture Theatre, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Stafford General Hospital **Note change of Date.**