



# PiP Newsletter

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## Nurses Forum - Workshop for Nurses

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**13th November 2008**

Following the inaugural meeting of the Nurses' Forum (held in July 2008), the first workshop for nurses was held at Stafford PGMC in November. This was well attended with 29 nurses from a variety of acute and community disciplines participating.

There were two speakers at this event: Liz Morgan - Professional Adviser for Children, Young People and Families at the DH and Kerry Cook - Senior Lecturer for Children's and Young People's Nursing at Coventry University.

**Liz Morgan presented: Future Health Policy related to Children & Young People – the Contribution of Children's Nursing.**

Liz outlined the changing role of the DH - moving away from a 'top-down' centralised approach - to working with all health and social care partners, to set the direction for policies & priorities and to support the delivery of services. This is in order to encourage the development and delivery of services which reflect national policy, but are tailored to local need.

She outlined some of the challenges of policy making for Children and Young People, which are enshrined in the NHS Next Stage Review Work - (known in most regions as the Darzi work) - which is emphasising Quality of Care:

- ensuring that clinical decision-making is central to service delivery and based on the needs of patients and their families;
- improving patient care - particularly for those with long-term or life-threatening conditions;
- delivering more accessible and more convenient care integrated across primary and secondary providers.

The key policy messages related to Children and Families are:

- Listening to the child and family
- Developing services around the family
- Care closer to home / at home
- Integration of the workforce
- Partnership working - across health, education and social care.

Liz also outlined the Nursing Workforce Priorities:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing
- Neonatal nursing and paediatric medicine
- Community Children's Nursing
- Speech and Language Therapy.

At the end of the presentation, Liz highlighted some work that is taking place at the DH, looking at the co-dependencies of some specialised paediatric services. This work will play a role in determining how services could be co-located, or where clinical networks can be put in place to ensure the sustainability of services. This work is ongoing and delegates expressed an interest in having further information about this work.

Liz congratulated PiP on developing the Nurses' Forum; from the positive feedback received, delegates consider the Forum could provide a useful setting for issues to be raised and discussed.

**Kerry Cook presented: 'Assessment of the ill / injured child and Young Person'.**

Kerry presented information on this training that has been developed at Coventry University. This is a 20 credit Module which is undertaken over 12 weeks. The first 3 cohorts are being sponsored by NHS West Midlands.

The entry requirements are:

- open to all health care professionals currently in the care of children and young people;
- evidence of ability to study at Level 3 (degree level)
- access to computer and broadband Internet.

Special features of the Module include:

- Basic Life support update;
- Utilisation of CIPeL (Centre for Interprofessional e-Learning)
- Learning objects
- Collaboration with OCB media in the development of on-line resources.

Kerry described the content of the course, the learning outcomes and the teaching and learning strategies utilised. The comments and feedback from the first cohort will be used to make changes to subsequent cohorts.

The next training in February is now full and the October 09 session will be subject to CPD fees.

If you are interested in knowing more about this training, please contact: Kerry Cook at: [hsx562@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:hsx562@coventry.ac.uk)

### Presentations

A copy of the two presentations from the workshop are available on the PiP website under the Nurses' Forum Project Page at

[www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/active\\_clinical\\_projects.asp](http://www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/active_clinical_projects.asp)

### Nurses' Forum

There are several ideas for future events, so further information will be forthcoming in due course.

If you would like more general information about the Nurses' Forum - or would like to propose ideas for future workshops / study days - please contact either Julia Greensall on [Julia@greensall.com](mailto:Julia@greensall.com) or Alison Wood at Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust on [alison.wood@sath.nhs.uk](mailto:alison.wood@sath.nhs.uk)



Liz Morgan - Professional Adviser for Children, Young People and Families at the Department of Health

## PiP Open Day - 'Pathways to the Future'

This year's Open Day was held at the Village Hotel, Walsall on Thursday, 9th October. The event was attended by paediatricians, commissioners, lead children's nurses and ward managers.

Dr Simon Lenton, Vice Chair (Health Services) at the RCPCH gave the key-note speech: 'Pathways to the Future: Sustainable Network Solutions'.

For the past 2 years, Simon has been leading work at the RCPCH, which has been looking at the future delivery of child health services. Documents published have included, 'Modelling the Future', which looked at models of paediatric services and Modelling the Future 11, which addressed workforce issues.

Simon acknowledged there were no simple solutions to the issues facing the delivery of child health services, but highlighted the need to:

- Commission, plan, deliver and regulate services using pathways, teams and networks.
- Work closely with patients and other services to improve both family experience and outcomes.
- Design systems to identify weak points and continually

Simon was joined by a number of presenters, including:

Jane Evans - Assistant Director Commissioner Children & Maternity at NHS Walsall; Richard deBoer - Consultant Paediatrician at GEH, Nuneaton; Jenny Hawkes - Services Development Consultant with PiP, and Helen Hipkiss - Programme Consultant, Children's Services at NHS West Midlands.

Simon has expressed interest in continuing to work with PiP and another event will be organised for later in 2009 - around the time of the publication of the RCPCH document - 'Modelling the Future 111'. This will aim to bring paediatricians, managers and commissioners together to address commissioning of children's services.

All presentations from the Open Day can be accessed from the PiP website.

Dr Simon Lenton, Vice Chair at the RCPCH (left in picture) with Dr Jacob Samuel, Consultant Paediatrician, Queen's Hospital, Burton on Trent



# Rheum for Improvement Day

## 10th November 2008

The third 'Rheum for Improvement' day took place at the Training Centre at George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton. Dr. Kathy Bailey chaired this event.

Forty two people attended, including parents & carers, a number of professionals working with young people with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) and one young person. Speakers at this year's event were Professor Tauny Southwood – Consultant Paediatric Rheumatologist (BCH), Dr. Richard Williams - Consultant Rheumatologist, (Hereford Hospital), Pam Whitworth - Paediatric Rheumatology Nurse (BCH), Rosanne Wilshire - Paediatric Rheumatology Physiotherapist (BCH), Caroline Cox from the Children's Chronic Arthritis Association (CCAA) and Claire Callens & Mandy Aspinal from the Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN).

The day was a great success and many parents have expressed interest in supporting the ongoing work of the Network group. The event evaluated well - with everyone looking forward to next year's workshop.

Selection of comments from this year's event: "was very beneficial to hear other parents experiences", "Nice to be treated as intelligent human beings", "Best venue/content yet".

A copy of the full report from the day is available on the PiP website under the Rheumatology section at [www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/active\\_clinical\\_projects.asp](http://www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/active_clinical_projects.asp)

For further information, please contact Kathy Bailey: [Kathryn.bailey@geh.nhs.uk](mailto:Kathryn.bailey@geh.nhs.uk)

Picture taken at the Rheumatology day



# Date for Diary!

## Paediatric Diabetes

### Friday, 6th March 2009 at Stafford PGMC

A meeting was recently held to discuss issues relating to paediatric diabetes. The doctors who attended this meeting were: Parakkal Raffeeq from UHNS; Jacob Samuel from Queen's Hospital, Burton; Jude Joseph from Mid-Staffs General Hospital and Gillian Lyder from Newcross, Wolverhampton.

It was agreed that the following issues were areas of work that could be addressed collaboratively:

- Development of care pathways - looking in particular at the integration of services across the community and acute sectors
- Guidelines
- Audit and CPD
- The ratio of nurses to patients - there is currently a discrepancy across the partnership area
- Transitional clinics - it is recognised that these are developing in some areas
- Work with families and young people themselves
- On call service to the patch

**A meeting of all interested parties, in particular lead paediatricians & lead nurses will be held on Friday, 6th March 2009 at Stafford PGMC. The meeting is from 9.30 am to 12 noon and then lunch will be available from 12- 1pm.**

The programme for the meeting is currently being developed. If you have ideas about what you would like to see addressed during the course of the morning, or if you would like to attend this event, please email Julia Greensall at [julia@greensall.com](mailto:julia@greensall.com)

# Other News & Events

## **Paediatric Guidelines 2008 (Issue 3) - NOW AVAILABLE!**

Bedside Clinical Guidelines Partnership in association with Partners in Paediatrics are pleased to announce that the latest edition of the Paediatric Guidelines Handbook is now available. The book has been compiled as an aide-memoire for all staff concerned with the management of general practice patients, especially those who present as emergencies. To order one or more copies please contact [nicky.smith2@nhs.net](mailto:nicky.smith2@nhs.net). (Copies of the book will automatically be posted to all PiP member organisations free of charge).

## **The Management of Children with Epilepsy Study Day - Friday, 22nd May 2009. Venue: Saxon Hill School, Staffordshire Kings Hill Road, Lichfield, Staffs**

The Neurology team at BCH are organising this event which PiP is supporting. The day is aimed at school & community nurses and hospital & community paediatricians across Shropshire & Staffordshire. Presenters will include Consultant Paediatric Neurologists - Dr Gupta and Dr Philip from BCH and Bernie Concannon - Paediatric Epilepsy Specialist Nurse. There will be opportunity to present cases to a panel of Consultants. If you want to discuss this event, please contact Bernie by e-mail: [Bernie.Concannon@bch.nhs.uk](mailto:Bernie.Concannon@bch.nhs.uk)  
If you want to register, please email Nicky Smith at [nicky.smith2@nhs.net](mailto:nicky.smith2@nhs.net). (There is no charge for this event).

## **Paediatric Anaesthetic Study Day for the General Anaesthetist - 4th June 2009 - Stafford PGMC**

At this Study Day there will be a number of presentations by Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetists from Shropshire, West Midlands and London - and some scenario presentations. If you would like to know more about the event, please contact Alistair Cranston, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at BCH: [alistair.cranston@bch.nhs.uk](mailto:alistair.cranston@bch.nhs.uk). If you would like to reserve a place, please contact Nicky at [nicky.smith2@nhs.net](mailto:nicky.smith2@nhs.net) (Consultants £60, training Doctors £50)

## **Partners in Paediatrics Updated Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of PiP have been updated, in light of the changing national directives and language now used in the health service.

- Encourage and develop partners in the delivery and commissioning of services.
- Develop high quality clinical guidelines and pathways of care.
- Work with & inform Commissioners - to improve services for children.
- Facilitate the development of clinical networks.
- Provide an educational forum and undertake training & research.
- Promote and share good practice.

## **Steering Group Dates 2009**

All meetings are held on Wednesdays, 2pm - 4pm, venue is the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Mid Staffordshire

- 11th February
- 20th May
- 9th September
- 9th December



lunch will be provided at at 1.30pm!

## **PiP Member Organisations**

Each member organisation has a place on the Steering Committee



For minutes of the Steering Group Meeting visit [www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/pip\\_steering\\_group\\_reps.htm](http://www.partnersinpaediatrics.org.uk/pip_steering_group_reps.htm)

University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust

Mid Staffordshire Foundation Trust

Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust

East Cheshire Hospitals

Newcross Hospital, Wolverhampton

Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust

Burton Hospitals NHS Trust

Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital

Birmingham Children's Hospital

Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital

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