

PIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting on Monday 20th September 2010
PGMC – Stafford General Hospital

Present:

Andy Spencer	Lead Clinician, PiP
Steve Cropper	Academic Adviser, PiP
Julia Greensall	Network Development Manager, PiP
Lesley Hines	Project Support Manager, PiP
Nicky Smith	PiP
Cheryl Sherratt	South Staffs PCT
Andrew Cowley	Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals
Kate Reynolds	University Hosp North Staffs

Apologies:

Stuart Poynor	South Staffs PCT CEO and PiP Chair
Jenny Hawkes	Service Development Consultant, PiP
Gunjan Patel	South Staffordshire Community Trust
Melody Bridges	West Midlands Specialised Commissioning
Diane Short	Telford PCT
Angela Moore	Wolves PCT
Jonathan Smith	NICCH
Tracey Malkin	NHS Stoke –on-Trent
Dave Coan	Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals
Cath Boneham	NHS Walsall
Helen Hipkiss	NHS West Midlands
Nadeem Moghal	Walsall Hospitals

This meeting was Chaired by Dr Andy Spencer

In attendance: Kate Andrews and Dr Martin Smith

Discussion: Kate Andrews, National Programme Specialist, Child Health & Maternity Partnership (CHAMP).

Main points from discussion:

Kate – a GP by background – is a National Programme Specialist for CHAMP. She is also working with Sheila Shribman at the DH on the future role of General Practitioners.

Kate has been doing some work nationally looking at admissions rates. There is a huge variation in rates across the geographical areas. It is clear that there are higher admission rates in those areas around the Children's hospitals.

There is some evidence to show that the decline in OOH provision has resulted in more children presenting at Walk in Centres and A & E departments.

The challenges that the EWTD presents have raised questions about the ability of some paediatric units to sustain services. Other initiatives to take into account are: care closer to home, Transforming Community Care and the impact of the proposals for GPs to commission many services.

Kate is trying to identify areas of 'good practice' for example, Walsall have low admissions rates, so Kate would like to talk to staff there, to see how they are managing their services.

The DH have done some work on a 'Disease Management information Tool' and have currently looked at Epilepsy, Diabetes & Asthma. This has now been passed over to ChiMat to couple with admission rates and to identify those who are either admitting too many children or not identifying ill health.

Kate is interested in the GP work PiP is doing around developing 'Integrated Models of Care'. There needs to be greater communication with GP's to help them understand what services are available and how they can commission different services. GP consortia may commission on behalf of other GPs. Work is also being undertaken in West Sussex.

Some GPs are saying that they are becoming 'deskilled' in looking after children, either because children have 'open access' to the hospital ward, or because, from their perspective, community paediatricians 'hang on' to the complex cases. It was recognised that some paediatricians also feel they are becoming 'deskilled', because of increased specialisation in the care of children.

The work that Ruth Chambers and CHEC are carrying out was raised. A document addressing the competencies that GPs will require is being prepared – looking at defining the core and enhanced competencies for GPs

Kate is involved in a small national group, which is producing a document designed to signpost areas of good practice.

ChiMat are working to produce information at practice level, for GP consortia. This work is expected in the New Year.

Kate was thanked for her interesting discussion. It is hoped that Kate will continue to link in with the future work that PiP undertakes.

Discussion: Dr. Martin Smith: Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, BCH and Oswestry

Main points from discussion:

Martin thanked PiP for the past interest shown in the neurology work. This is the second time he has presented to the Steering Group.

Martin first updated the group on the proposal to develop a West Midlands rehabilitation head injury unit. Further developments have taken place and there is potential for a site to be established at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital site (Woodlands). Patients currently have to go to Tadworth Court in Surrey at a cost of about £5K per week. A business case is being developed to progress this initiative.

Martin discussed the desire to develop a Cerebral Palsy (CP) register in the West Midlands. There have been a number of successful registers operating in the past, but some have not continued; however, there is a strong one in the North East. The register would enable clinicians to have a better understanding of the number of children with CP, the severity of their condition and their social background etc. The epidemiology would be useful for research. Improved information would enable identification of future support needs, particularly adult service development - thereby improving outcomes for this group of patients.

Martin explained that there had been an initial multi-disciplinary meeting, involving surgeons, community specialists for neuro-disability, a physio and an external advisor. The meeting had discussed data collection, funding and the ethical issues.

Steering Group members explored the viability of the project, eligibility for funding, the benefits of a register vs carrying out research and the ethics of holding a Regional database of confidential patient information.

Martin thanked members for their input and advice. The issues considered would be discussed further with the other interested parties. Martin will advise SG members how the work is developing in due course.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the last meeting – 10th May 2010

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising

➤ Working Time Directive Workshop:

This workshop had been cancelled as no delegates had registered to attend.

➤ Update on PCT “clusters”

Cheryl reported that the PCT clusters are in place but at the present time the responsibility for service delivery remains with individual PCTs. However, PCTs are starting to work together on QIPP issues.

Action: Stuart to be asked to update at next meeting

➤ **Safeguarding Children – Care Pathway report**

The Care pathway Report Sonia Wallbank (Worcester University) has prepared has been forwarded to the SHA; it shows that many trained and 'competent' doctors still do not feel confident in dealing with CSA.

Julia reported that PiP, and staff from the SHA, are organising a 2 day training event for designated staff, to be held in February /March 2011. The event will aim to raise awareness of the skills & competencies required for dealing with CSA, and to look at some of the practical solutions to ensuring sustainability of services in the longer term. Further information will be circulated in due course.

Steve Cropper said that the training needed to reflect the proposed service model and the needs of those who will be delivering the service in the future.

Discussion on the development of the SARC at Cobridge; Cheryl had not been informed about recent developments and so was not clear about the current situation in relation to the development of the business case, tendering process etc for the SARC. Members requested further information.

Action: Was agreed letter to be drafted from SG for Stuart Poyner to send but action to be reviewed.

Post meeting information

There is still support for a SARC development in Staffordshire, but there are issues relating to costs, so an option appraisal is being undertaken.

Further information will be presented at the next SG meeting.

➤ **PiP Research Project:**

Usman Zafar has been appointed doctoral research student for 3 years by Keele University. Usman will be working with PiP and the Newborn Network, looking at their respective roles and comparing Managed Networks with the more informal / voluntary networks, such as the clinical networks supported by PiP. It is anticipated that Usman will commence in post in October.

➤ **PiP Guidelines:**

The latest edition is now almost ready for publication. PiP is applying for an ISBN number. NHS Evidence Accreditation (part of NICE) are in the process of accrediting the process by which the Paediatric Guidelines are developed. Steering Group reps are being contacted to agree numbers required and to request their preferred method of distribution.

Actions: Lesley to apply for ISBN numbers
Nicky to collate information re numbers and distribution.

3. Annual Open Meeting: This event, 'Taking Care of Quality', is taking place on Monday, 4th October.

Speakers secured include: Peter Lachman, GOS (key note speaker); Nadeem Moghul from the Institute of Innovation, Vin Diwakar, Medical Director at BCH. and Peter Wilson from the West Midlands Quality Observatory are presenting.

Several students from Keele's MBA course will also be attending.

Ideas for the event and content of the afternoon workshops were discussed.

4. Paediatric Surgery

Andy reminded members of the work that had been undertaken in relation to this service. PiP had undertaken two audits of Standards – in 2003 and 2007.

There did not appear to be any further direction from the SHA following the 3-day event held in October 2009. It was agreed that paediatric surgery is still being delivered on too many sites across the West Midlands.

Andy said that the Medical Director at BCH and Stan Silverman from City Hospital are interested in doing further work with PiP. As the emphasis was on the quality of service provision, it was felt that the Surgery Standards previously developed should be revised and further audit undertaken.

Agreed: A small multi-disciplinary group to be convened to progress this. Members to include: Andy Spencer, Julia Greensall, Cheryl Sherratt (Commissioner), Surgeon from Tertiary Centre, General Surgeon from DGH, an Anaesthetist, Nurse and a Trust manager.

It was also agreed to involve the CQC in this work.

Actions: Julia to send Cheryl copy of the audit results.
Julia to convene the meeting of interested parties and liaise with the CQC.

5. Project re: Developing integrated Healthcare Models

The draft PiD was presented. The PiD has been widely circulated and includes responses from a number of individuals. Andy and Julia had presented the project to a meeting of the LMC – for North Staffs and Stoke. The project has support from a number of lead GPs with an interest in children's services.

The organisation VAST - Voluntary Action Stoke on Trent - was approached in order to get the views of users. The PiD was discussed at a Parent Engagement Partnership meeting. The feedback was that it would be useful to have a Glossary, explaining some of the more unusual terms and acronyms.

The next step is to develop the questionnaire, which will then be circulated.

Action: PiD to be finalised – to include a Glossary – and then circulated to SG members. Questions to be drafted by the 20th October, to be circulated to Steering Group members for comment.

6. Future of SG meetings & Terms of Reference

There was unanimous support from those who had responded to the discussion paper to change the format of the Steering Group meetings. There will be two meetings per year (March and September) from 2011. The meetings will be held for a half – day, preferably in the morning, ending with a sandwich lunch. The meetings to have an education element. Business issues will be discussed by the Core Group members and reported meetings. Communication with SG reps will be maintained by e-mail and website, as necessary.

Terms of Reference to be updated accordingly.

Action: Dates to be agreed and circulated.
Julia to revise the Terms of Reference and circulate to members.

7. Work programme

The updated template was tabled for information.

6. Any other business

- **Commissioning workshop;** it was agreed that a workshop, to explore the future commissioning arrangements for children's services, would be beneficial at this time. Delegates to include the Clinical Director, a senior clinician and manager from each member Trust.

Post meeting note: After further deliberation with commissioners, it was agreed to postpone this and hold the workshop in 2011.

7. Date and Time of next meeting:

Monday 6th December 2010

Lunch 1.30pm: meeting 2 pm-4 pm - Stafford PGMC

NB: It is important to confirm attendance, as lunch will only be provided for those members who have confirmed.

Meeting dates for 2011 will be advised in due course.

Minutes prepared by: Lesley Hines 10th October 2010