

PIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2009
PGMC – Stafford General Hospital

Present:

Julia Greensall	Network Development Manager, PiP, (Chair)
Lesley Hines	Project Support Manager, PiP,
Jenny Hawkes	Service Development Consultant, PiP,
Cheryl Sherratt	South Staffs PCT
Jaishi Vaid	Telford & Wrekin PCT
Chrisantha Halahakoon	New Cross, Wolverhampton
Jonathan Howell	South Staffs PCT
Kate Reynolds	UHNS
Alison Wood	Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust
Diane White	Coventry PCT
David Eltringham	BCH
Colin Melville	Mid –Staffordshire General
Kathryn Wilson	South Staffs & Shropshire Healthcare Trust
Melody Bridges	Specialised Services, WMSHA

Apologies:

Stuart Poynor	South Staffs PCT CEO and PiP Chair
Andy Spencer	Lead Clinician, PiP
Steve Cropper	Academic Adviser, PiP,
Gunjan Patel	South Staffordshire Community Trust
Helen Hipkiss	NHS West Midlands
Martyn Rees	Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust
Tracey Malkin	NHS Stoke –on-Trent
Loveday Jago	East Cheshire NHS Trust
Ali Lawton	Mid –Staffordshire General
Sue Hatton	NHS West Midlands Deanery
Patricia Gavin	ROH, Birmingham
Nicky Smith	PiP (on maternity leave)
Angela Moore	Wolverhampton City PCT

In attendance: Professor Ed Peile, Interim Children's Lead, WMSHA

Presentation – Cheryl Sherratt, Head of Service Development, South Staffs PCT
Re: Review of Paediatric Services – South Staffordshire PCT

Cheryl presented the work of the Paediatric Review which has taken place across South Staffordshire. She gave the background and the process undertaken, which included extensive data gathering, benchmarking and consultation with children and young people in early 2009.

She outlined the current services in place across South Staffordshire, the Strategic recommendations and the challenges that face the Health Community. The Review has made some short-term recommendations, including looking at an Integrated Healthcare model for children and young people's services. A model has been developed and the recommendations accepted in broad principle.

Cheryl said that the 'status quo' was not financially viable in the long term and that some rationalisation of services will need to be made in due course and further development of paediatric networks considered. Cheryl acknowledged the role of PiP in this work and that of Simon Lenton at the RCPCH.

Cheryl stressed that integration of services and development of clear pathways is a challenge for all.

The importance of Children's Trusts was noted. In future, everything will be commissioned through these. Children's Trusts are due to become statutory bodies in Autumn 2009.

Currently the PCT is developing a Children's Joint Commissioning Unit with Staffordshire County Council and NHS North Staffs; some elements of paediatrics will always be commissioned by PCTs, but this depends on what the Children's Trusts strategy states.

Presentation: Professor Ed Peile, Interim Clinical Lead for Children's Services, WMSHA
'Sustainability: What does it mean for quality services for Children?'

Ed explained his role in leading the West Midlands Configuration Group (WMCG), which met between 2006 and 2008, and the process that had been undertaken:

- Durrow Management Consultancy had collected data;
- Standards for services had been drawn up, agreed & shared;
- A high level pathway designed for acutely ill children;
- WMCG visited each acute trust and met with clinicians & managers;
- The findings were presented to the CEOs in each health economy.

When the plans from the health economies started to come into the SHA, people were saying that they wanted to invest in 'middle-grade' staffing. However, across the region, SpRs are a contracting workforce and there are not enough midwives. Although there were a lot of 'innovative' solutions presented, the solutions in one place impacted on another area.

Main points from presentation:

When considering 'sustainability' – then it is important to look at the inter-relationship of relevant services - children's services/ neonatal support/maternity services all relate to other services;

EWTD has confused the picture regarding sustainability; it is not enough for services just to be 'EWTD compliant';

The work to date has shown that services in the West Midlands are on track for EWTD, but middle-grade rotas are the critical factor for sustainability. Urgent training is required to improve skill mix and make best use of resources;

Of the 19 inpatient paediatric services, there are about 7 – 8 units who are considered small and more vulnerable to staffing shortages;

There are 19 inpatient paediatric units, 19 Consultant-led obstetric units and 19 SCBUs. This configuration continuing into the future is unlikely to be optimal for delivering best practice or achievable;

Activity is important: need adequate activity levels to meet the needs of staff on training rotas. For training rota cells of at least 9 doctors are needed – 10 or 11 are desirable.

Taking things forward:

The report from the WMCG is due to be released in June.

There is a joint PIP / SHA workshop taking place on 9th July which will bring together staff from acute trusts and commissioners. Simon Lenton, RCPCH, is giving the keynote speech.

A meeting for Commissioners only is preceding this on 22nd June. This will be an opportunity for Commissioners to use the modelling tool and consider maternity and children's services.

It is important to have Commissioners involved and support is needed for an innovative tariff. It was noted that Peter Spilsbury from the SHA is doing some work at DH level on this.

Action:

1. Minutes of the last meeting – held on 11th February 2009

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

2. Matters arising

Clinical Lead for Children – Interviews have been held on four occasions. Ed Peile has been appointed as Interim Clinical Lead.

ITB service – No further progress (Martin Smith has been on sick leave).

Health Strategy has now been published – Feb 09. Cheryl pointed out that a Commissioning guide has been published to support the delivery of the Strategy, which is very useful. This is entitled: 'Securing better health for children and young people through world class commissioning'.

Letter re 'Carry Forward' of monies: Due to changes to the way the PiP budget is being managed by UHNS, this letter is no longer needed.

Clinical Network Specification: The final report has not been forwarded.

3. PiP's Work Programme for 2009 Updated proforma including current and proposed work streams was circulated for information and discussion.

Main issues highlighted:

- Rheumatology Network: Members of the Network prepared a bid for the Health Foundation's 'Closing the Gap through Clinical Communities' awards. The deadline for the bid was 27.03.09. There is a staged assessment process in place and if successful in getting through both internal and external assessments, members of the network will be invited to attend an interview in London in late Summer. There were over 60 applications received and only about 9 of these can be funded.
- Paediatric Anaesthetic Network: The next Study Day is being held on Thursday, 4th June. Alistair Cranston at BCH is the organiser.
- Paediatric Anaesthesia & Recovery Training: Work with the BCU is continuing. Paperwork is in the process of being completed – it is anticipated that this will be submitted to the Board at BCU in mid-July.
- Child Protection Work: Jenny Hawkes is continuing to support these workstreams. PiP has been allocated 15k from the WM Deanery to support training during 2009 / 10.
- Nurses Forum: A second workshop is being held on 10th June. Sue Chapman, Nurse Consultant at GOS is presenting the PANDA tool (Paediatric Acuity and Dependency tool). There will also be a presentation from staff working for e-Learning for Healthcare.
- Diabetes: A workshop was held in March, which was well attended.
- Gastroenterology: Dr Anna Pigott attended the meeting to update the group on progress in this area. A meeting to discuss the development of a network had been held in April and a further meeting is planned for June. It was recognised that there is now a great deal of expertise around the region and clinicians are keen to progress things on a networked basis. Colin Melville asked that colleagues from Mid-Staffs are included in the distribution list for future meetings.
- Communication: Work on the Annual report is progressing. The website is being updated; the Nurses' Forum now have their own section and PiP is now 'hosting' the Central England CCN network.
- PiP / WMSHA workshop – Thursday, 9th July : It has been agreed to organise a joint PiP / SHA event. Simon Lenton, RCPCH, will be giving the keynote speech and Ed Peile will also be presenting. Venue and further details will be forwarded in due course. Members were asked to circulate date to colleagues in their respective organisations.

- Julia mentioned that Colin Campbell (UHNS) has expressed interest in organising a workshop around WTD issues, with a particular emphasis on training. Chrisantha Halahakoon said she would be interested in working with Colin to organise this.

Action: Julia to contact Colin with respect to this.

4. Any Other Business:

No issues were raised.

5. Dates and Time of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th September 2009

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

**Minutes prepared by: Julia Greensall, PiP
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