Paediatric Networks Update

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Welcome!

Welcome to our new Paediatric Networks Update newsletter which delivers a blend of relevant national and regional paediatric news and information from both NHS Diabetes and the diabetes community.

We are always keen to hear about your paediatric-related stories. To submit suggestions or to sign-up to the newsletter email the editor. We hope to issue the newsletter periodically. In addition, our national newsletter, the Diabetes Briefing, is published every two months. Sign-up to the Diabetes Briefing

For all the latest news and resources about diabetes please bookmark the NHS Diabetes website and check it regularly for new content.

Kind regards,

The NHS Diabetes Team

Paediatric Newsletter Launched

The new NHS Diabetes Paediatric Networks Update was officially launched at a conference organised by the Association of Children’s Diabetes Clinicians (ACDC) on Monday 14th February.

The team handed out copies to delegates at the organisation’s fifth annual meeting held at the University of Warwick. New subscribers were also added to the distribution list of the newsletter, which aims to keep the paediatric diabetes community up-to-date and informed of news and developments in the field.

Do You Know Who Your Coordinator Is?

NHS Diabetes funds a paediatric network coordinator to work in every region of the country. The network coordinators organise and run the networks working alongside our Regional Programme Managers.
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Paediatric Diabetes Care Moves Closer to Better Funding

Moves to establish paediatric diabetes outpatient care as a clinical practice with a proper funding mechanism are being made. Building on the introduction of non-mandatory prices in 2010/11, the Department of Health will be encouraging best practice in paediatric diabetes follow-up outpatient attendances by introducing a mandatory tariff for this service in 2011/12. This will act as a prelude to the introduction of a pathway Best Practice Tariff in 2012/13.

There will be a new code for paediatric diabetic medicine, which brings recognition to this clinical discipline. Until now there has been no formal mechanism to fund paediatric diabetes care. It is expected that the new tariff will have a mandatory first outpatient attendance tariff of £358 and a follow-up outpatient attendance tariff of £121. To incentivise best practice, the follow-up tariff will attract a non-mandatory additional payment of £148 per follow-up clinic consultation provided a number of criteria are met.

The criteria are likely to include requirements on the nature of contact with appropriately qualified clinical team members on a number of occasions each year. It will also make provision for additional support to be provided outside of the hospital, including in schools and other settings.

The proposed criteria, which will be published by the Department of Health, were developed in conjunction with national clinical leads and regional clinical networks and are underpinned by NICE clinical guidelines, the report 'Making Every Child and Young Person with Diabetes Matter', the National Service Framework for Children and NHS Diabetes.
Commissioners will monitor compliance with these criteria via locally negotiated contracts, which may include evidence of submission to the Paediatric National Diabetes Audit, local records of clinic attendances, clear pathways for DNA and active participation by the provider in the regional Paediatric Diabetes Network. A further update will be included in the next edition of this newsletter.

East of England Paediatric Network Launched

The official launch of the East of England Paediatric Diabetes Network has been very well received.

Work already undertaken by the network’s NHS Diabetes-backed steering group was showcased at the event held on February 1st, in Newmarket. More than 80 delegates attended, including doctors, nurses, psychologists, commissioners, dietitians and service users.

Marie Cummins, NHS Diabetes Regional Programme Manager for the region, said: “The day gave us the opportunity to show everybody what we have already been doing. We had a fantastic reaction from the delegates who felt extremely positive that the network was helping to move diabetes care forward. It was also really encouraging to see that every paediatric unit in the region was represented at the event.”

Marie has been instrumental in forming the network, along with network coordinator Kate Wilson, Dr Carlo Acerini, Consultant Paediatrician at Addenbrooke’s Hospital Cambridge, and Professor David Dunger.

NHS Diabetes Director Anna Morton gave a national perspective on networks at the launch, while Dr Acerini and Professor Dunger were also among the speakers. Work carried out by the network steering group so far includes:

- An out of hours diabetes service
- Standardisation for protocol and guidance across the area for paediatric diabetes services
- The start of establishing a paediatric diabetes database

The network has grown to more than 50 members from the original 25 people on the steering group, with Kate holding meetings across the region to gather support. One of the priorities in the year ahead is introduce children and their families to the network.

To join or for more information email Kate at kate.wilson@addenbrookes.nhs.uk
JDRF Launches ‘1 Campaign’

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has launched a campaign to raise awareness of type 1 diabetes.

The organisation wants to make decision makers aware of the impact Type 1 has on people in a bid to improve access to treatments and ultimately secure more money to fund research to find the cure for the condition.

Sarah Johnson, Director of Policy and Communications at JDRF said: “We are urging families, children and adults living with type 1 diabetes to shout about the issues and challenges they face on a daily basis. The more people involved with the campaign, the more noise we will make. And that means those in power will be more likely to take notice.”

Find out more about the 1 Campaign and how you can get involved at www.jdrf1campaign.org.uk.

Insulin Pump Campaign Launched

An NHS Diabetes-backed campaign aimed at closing the inequality gap in insulin pump therapy was launched at a Parliamentary briefing this week.

The campaign is led by the NHS Technology Adoption Centre and supported by a range of partners from the NHS, voluntary sector, academia and industry. For some people with Type 1 diabetes, insulin pump therapy can provide a better way of controlling insulin levels than through the more commonly used multiple daily injections. The campaign therefore aims to encourage an increased uptake of insulin pumps throughout the NHS including, where appropriate, in children.

Despite positive NICE guidance, insulin pump therapy uptake is poor with considerable inequities in both provision and access being found across the UK with many areas
having less than 1 percent take up. The UK also significantly lags behind many other parts of the world where, in some countries, uptake is nearing 40 percent.

The NHS Technology Adoption Centre has bought out a new tool called the ‘How To Why To Guide™ on Insulin Pump Therapy’. This was developed to redress the inequities which exist for the treatment of those with type 1 diabetes.

The briefing, held on Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} February, brought together a panel of eminent speakers, including National Clinical Director for Diabetes, Dr Rowan Hillson, as well as users of the guide to provide practical guidance.

For more information visit http://www.technologyadoptioncentre.nhs.uk/Continuous-Subcutaneous-Insulin-Infusion/executive-summary.html

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**NHS Diabetes Safer Use of Insulin Course**

The number of healthcare professionals and carers registering with the NHS Diabetes online course has passed the 25,000 mark. The free e-learning module has provided invaluable knowledge and information to more than **26,000** people after launching in June 2010, with over **16,000** completing it and the number soaring every week.

The e-learning module was released on the back of the publication of a Rapid Response Report by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) on the safer administration of insulin. The report was issued in response to a number of safety incidents related to the use of insulin. The NPSA report required all health professionals who care for people with diabetes to undertake training on the safer use of insulin such as the NHS Diabetes online training course. The NPSA set a deadline of December 16 for completion, but healthcare professionals are still encouraged to complete the course.

For more information or to access the safe use of insulin online training package please visit the NHS Diabetes website [www.diabetes.nhs.uk/safe_use_of_insulin](http://www.diabetes.nhs.uk/safe_use_of_insulin)

For more information about the NPSA report, visit [www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/alerts](http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/alerts)
About NHS Diabetes

NHS Diabetes acts as an expert resource and support team to help healthcare professionals implement evidence based good practice. We work to deliver the priorities of the National Clinical Director for Diabetes and the Department of Health and collect ideas and issues from the diabetes community.

Regionally, we are transforming diabetes services by working with more than 70 health providers and commissioning organisations to deliver more for less. Nationally, we help develop clinical standards, guidelines and training to improve diabetes care.

Visit our website to find out more about our work: www.diabetes.nhs.uk