

Neonatal News

Welcome to Neonatal News for South East Coast

This is a bi-monthly publication and we would be pleased to receive any information you would like to share with colleagues across the region. Please send to Sue Overton.

South East Coast Neonatal Network's own website

Due to continued demand, the website will now have open access.

To join the South East Neonatal network, you will first need to register to the NHS Networks website. Please go to www.networks.nhs.uk. Click on 'join in'.

- 1) Create an account with Networks
- 2) An email will be sent to you from Networks with your log in details and link to set your password
- 3) Once you have set your password, your account is ready and will be able to join any networks
- 4) Click on the link <https://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/south-east-coast-neonatal-network>
- 5) Click on the network and click 'join this network'
- 6) An email will be sent to the network administrator for them to approve the application. Once the application has been approved, you will be able to use the network! If you do have any problems, please contact martin.webb@nhs.net

SEC Neonatal Work Programme 2015/16

This document has been sent to clinical leads, matrons & managers. The areas of work that are a priority for this year are:

- Reducing avoidable term admissions
- Effective discharge process & planning

New Neonatal Quality reports:

From April 2015 the network reports will change from the SEC Neonatal Activity report to the SEC Neonatal Quality report.

This report will support the reporting required for the two projects listed in the work programme.

Each Baby Counts: RCOG project. www.rcog.org.uk/eachbabycounts

The Time=Brain network website has now been created with all the documentation, parent information leaflets and background information available for download. The nursing competency document is also uploaded and, if anyone uses it then any feedback for improvements/changes would be immensely welcome.

www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/south-east-coast-neonatal-network/clinical/time-brain

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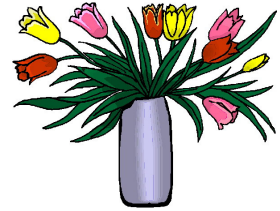
Diary Dates 2015

Neonatal Transport Service Group - 8 June, 28 September

Clinical Forums - Kent & Medway 23 July , Surrey & Sussex 15 June

Nurse Managers Group Kent and Medway - 23 July, 22 October

Surrey Sussex - 15 June, 21 October



Audit for Term Admissions:

All units will be required to audit Term Admissions from 1st June - 31st August in order to understand the numbers of admissions and consider those that can be avoided. This project is supported by the SEC SCN and links to the national work programme for reducing avoidable term admissions. The network team have produced the audit form, all unit leads will have received a copy by email. For trusts who have chosen to do the national CQUIN to review avoidable term admissions, this project will support the process. Please read the update from Michele Upton, Patient Safety Lead, Maternity & Newborn: NHS England.

Update from Michele Upton: Patient Safety Lead Maternity & Newborn, NHS England.

Over the past year we have drawn on five source of intelligence, specifically looking at term admission data, to inform this work. An initial review of the National Neonatal Research Database (NNRD) indicated the top five reasons for admission were respiratory symptoms (30%), hypoglycaemia (9.6%), infection (9.1%) jaundice (5.2%) and asphyxia (3.1%).

A review of the National Reporting and Learning System data (patient safety incident reports) largely echoed these findings with the inclusion of admission for poor feeding and weight loss as significant themes.

A review of claims data, informed by the NHS Litigation Authority highlighted claims in relation to hypoxia, kernicterus and hypoglycaemia. We also worked closely with parents of affected children to understand their key concerns. These were also focused on care resulting in brain injury due to a number of contributory causes. Our fifth source of intelligence has been the expertise and experiences of clinicians at the frontline. This triangulation of data has confirmed our focus on term admissions for asphyxia, jaundice, hypoglycaemia, respiratory symptoms and infection.

An initial stakeholder meeting in November exposed the complexity and enormity of the project which will require leadership and participation from a number of stakeholders, organisations and individuals. The need for identified resource for undertaking clinical reviews of admissions was quickly highlighted following which the patient safety domain worked closely with the neonatal commissioning leads, through the neonatal CRG, to develop a CQUIN to provide resource for clinical reviews to take place. This has recently been issued and we hope that providers who are eligible to consider this support will do so.

Throughout March a series of meetings was held to determine priority areas for each of the five topic areas. Specific working groups have been set up and each group has identified a number of possible priority areas for future focus. These are currently being explored further and details of these priorities will be outlined shortly along with an agreed model for delivery. In addition, examples of improvements developed by teams who have been undertaking improvement work in relation to term admissions have shared their resources. These are currently being collated and will shortly be made available via the NHS England website.

In order to ensure the many facets of this programme are joined up we are pursuing a suitable means of regular communication with all stakeholders. This will allow for sharing improvements effective elsewhere and to signpost to other related work programmes. As this is taken forward we would welcome contributions from maternity and neonatal teams.

I hope this update provides you with an overview of the work programme to date. Further correspondence will follow in the next few weeks however if you have any queries relating to this work please don't hesitate to contact me. Michele.upton@nhs.net