

Summary of the Neonatal Guidelines 2011 User Survey

Introduction

The "Bedside Clinical Guidelines Partnership: Neonatal Guidelines (2011)" * are intended as an aide-memoir for all staff concerned with the management of neonates. The guidelines cover a range of topics and are generally split into sections on recognition and assessment, immediate treatment, subsequent management, monitoring treatment and discharge policy. It was anticipated that staff concerned with the management of neonates would be at least aware of the guidelines. The outcomes of this audit would be used to direct development of future editions of the guidelines.

*It is noted that the guidelines are advisory not mandatory.

Aim

To ensure the guidelines meet with the requirements of the Neonatal medical/nursing staff.

Objectives

To determine:

1. The proportion of medical and nursing staff aware of the guidelines.
2. The proportion of medical and nursing staff that use the guidelines.
3. The usefulness and ease of use of the guidelines.
4. How the next edition can be developed/improved.

Method

All medical and qualified nursing staff within the Network and those who had purchased a copy outside of the Network were identified.

All identified staff were sent via a Lead in their unit either an A4 copy and/or an electronic copy of a confidential questionnaires (Appendix 1). For the first time the questionnaire was also printed at the back of the book for individuals to complete and tear out. Responses were returned to the Newborn Network Office.

A total of 4 completed questionnaires were returned to the Newborn Network Office, 3 of which were torn out of the book and 1 was an A4 copy.

Results

Data Item	Neonatal Network Guidelines Total	
Where do you work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospital of North Staffordshire Mid Staffordshire General Hospital 	1 / 4 3 / 4	25% 75%
Where have you seen a copy of the Neonatal Guidelines 2011-13? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A5 pocket book Own copy Copy on internet/intranet 	2 / 4 2 / 4 2 / 4	50% 50% 50%
Have you seen a copy of the 2011-13 A4 folder in the clinical area?	3 / 4	75%
Are the 2011-13 guidelines an improvement on 2009-11 guidelines?	3 / 4	75%
How easy/difficult to use do you find the guidelines? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very easy/easy 	4 / 4	100%
Have you found any errata, inaccuracies or inconsistencies in the 2007 guidelines?	4 / 4	100%
Which format would you prefer the guidelines to be available in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book A4 Clinical folder Internet/Intranet All formats 	3 / 4 2 / 4 2 / 4 3 / 4	75% 50% 50% 75%

Two respondents expressed an interest in reviewing/writing guidelines for the next edition:

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Gina Hartwell, gina.hartwell@nhs.net

Action Plan

Action	Co-ordinator	Action to be Completed By
The number of respondents is disappointing; methods of encouraging more responses need to be considered for the next survey.	Guidelines Group	September 2014
The comments and results of the audit will be used to inform the development of the next Edition of the Neonatal Guidelines.	Guidelines Group	January 2013
The comments and results of the audit will be used to influence any future decision as to how the Guidelines should be distributed within the Network.	Newborn Network	March 2013
Individuals interested in reviewing/writing guidelines to be contacted.	Kate Palmer/ Marian Kerr	January 2013