



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



We would like to wish all our colleagues across the Newborn Network and beyond a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Annual Network Audit Competition

Six presentations were given at the Annual Network Audit Competition held on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at Dudley Education Centre.

Dr Anjali Gupta won 1st prize of £100 in book vouchers for 'Documentation of Sterile Procedures and Radiological Investigations'.

Mr Robin McMahon won 2nd prize of £60 in book vouchers for an audit of 'Blood Transfusions in Neonates at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital, New Cross'.

Dr Mark Williams won 3rd prize of £40 in book vouchers for an 'Audit of Staffing Number on the University Hospital of North Staffordshire Neonatal Unit'.

Pictured from left to right: Dr Mark Williams, Dr Caroline Rose, Mr Robin McMahon, Dr Yogesh Thankey, Dr Alison Moore – Network Audit Lead, Dr Anjali Gupta, Dr Isioma Onyekpe



Congratulations to the Neonatal Foundation Programme Nurses



Congratulations to the first Network Neonatal Foundation Programme Nurses who have successfully completed the six month training programme in the Network. Pictured above receiving their certificates from Jon Crockett, Chair of the Newborn Network. From left to right: Lynsey Ward and Jo Deeming – Network Practice Educators, Jon Crockett, Libby Symonds, Jenny Bill and Sarah Cartlidge.

For more information please visit our newly updated website at:

www.newbornnetworks.org.uk/staffs

If you have any comments about the network or would like to get involved please contact a member of the Network Team - 1 -

What's coming up?

January 2008

15th – Joint Transport Group Meeting

16th – Guidelines Group Meeting

23rd – RD&A Group Meeting
Workforce Group Meeting

24th – Breastfeeding Study Day

31st – Quad Network Study Day
'Care & Innovations: Sharing Ideas & Good Practice'

February 2008

25th – 26th Bayley Scales of Infant & Toddler Development 3rd Edition 2 Day Workshop

March 2008

5th – Network Board Meeting

If you would like any further information on future network meetings or events please either visit the website or contact a member of the Network Team.

Network Groups

Thank you to all the Chairs of the Groups and sub group members for all your hard work over the past year.

Guidelines Group – Ruth Moore

RD&A Group – Dr Sanjeev Deshpande

Workforce Development Group – Lynsey Ward

Breastfeeding Group – Liz Jones

Equipment Group – Dr Babu Kumararatne

Joint Transport Group – Dr Alyson Skinner

Follow Up Group – Dr Andy Spencer

Maternity Network Group – Simon Jenkinson



Our new address is the Staffordshire, Shropshire and Black Country Newborn Network University Hospital of North Staffordshire Old Psychology Block, Parish Building Newcastle Road Stoke on Trent ST4 6QG

Our new telephone number is 01782 553390

Neonatal Guidelines Book 2007



The Network published the second edition of the Neonatal Guidelines Book compiled as an aide-memoire for all staff concerned with the management of neonates, towards a more uniform standard of care across the Staffordshire, Shropshire and Black Country Newborn Network hospitals. The book contains 89 guidelines nearly double that of the 2005 edition!! The book's ISBN number is 978-0-9557058-0-9. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the book, as authors or editors.

A launch event was held on the 31st October

where Dr Kate Palmer presented the audit of the first edition of the Guidelines Book. The Guidelines Group will shortly be conducting a survey of users of the 2007 edition of the Guidelines Book, we thank you in advance of you completing and returning the survey questionnaire. If anyone has any feedback or is interested in reviewing and updating the guidelines for future editions please contact the Network Office.

Neonatal Guidelines 2007



The Bedside Clinical Guidelines Partnership
in association with the
Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country
Newborn Network **NHS**

Welcome to the Neonatal Foundation Programme Nurses



Following the success of the first Network Neonatal Foundation Programme Nurses, three more newly qualified nurses have been recruited to the six month training programme in the Network. Pictured above from left to right: Sarah Parkes, Joanne Basford and Rachel Edge.

Breastfeeding Group News

Congratulations to the University Hospital of North Staffordshire for achieving Baby Friendly status on three consecutive occasions in 2002, 2004 and 2007. Liz Jones, Chair – Breastfeeding Group will be involved in revising the BLISS preterm breastfeeding leaflet in 2008, based on a parental evaluation which has taken place across our Network. Thank you to all those who participated. **Please contact her for further information on 01782 552439 or e-mail: Elizabeth.Jones@uhns.nhs.uk**

Tri Network Neonatal Research Study Day

A successful first Tri Network Research Study Day was held on 9th November 2007 at the Birmingham Women's Hospital. The day highlighted the quality of research in the region and following excellent feedback it is now going to be a regular annual event, further details of the 2008 meeting will be circulated in due course.

Parent Experience Survey

Thank you to all those who encouraged parents to return completed questionnaires. The results of the survey have now been fed back to the Senior Nurse and Lead Clinician at each of the units in order to create an action plan to take forward areas for development. The results and report will be available on the Network website shortly.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The Foundation Training Programme Study Days are open to all members of staff in the Network to attend, please contact the Network Practice Educators for further details and to confirm attendance. There will be a training needs analysis exercise taking place in the New Year to identify priorities for Network training next year. This will be an opportunity to voice your thoughts as to what you feel are priorities for training.

A multidisciplinary Cardiac Study Day is to be held in Spring 2008 the details of which will be circulated shortly.

Keele University in conjunction with the University Hospital of North Staffordshire are to run a Neonatal Intensive Care Course equivalent to the old 405 from April 2008 and will be delivered at both diploma and degree level. It will be two 12 week modules with one day per week attendance at Keele.

Lynsey Ward and Jo Deeming, Network Practice Educators