

December 2011

Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country **NHS**  
Newborn and Maternity Network **N E W S**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our colleagues across the Newborn and Maternity Networks and beyond**

**What's coming up?**

All Network events and study days, as well as those listed below, can be found on the Network website at:

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/staffordshire-shropshire-and-black-country-newborn/network-events>

**January 2012**

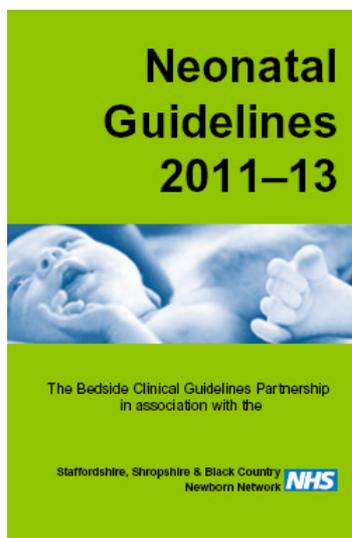
- 11<sup>th</sup> – WM Quality Indicators Group
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Maternity Network Planning Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – QIPP Group
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Joint Developmental Care and Feeding and Nutrition Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Neonatal Guidelines Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Follow Up Group
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Quad Network Midland Matters 2012
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Nutrition Study Day

**February 2012**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Maternity Network Stakeholder and Perinatal Education Event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Obstetric Guidelines Group

**March 2012**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Equipment Group
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Programme Graduation & Poster Presentations
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Network Board Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Andy Spencer Retirement Lunch
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Workforce Development Group



**Best wishes to**

**Jon Crockett for a long and happy retirement!**



Following the Network's AGM on the 28 September a retirement presentation and lunch was held to thank Jon Crockett for his hard work and support as Chair of the Network since its inception in 2004.

Thank you to all those who came.

**SSBCNN Welcomes:**

Dr. Babu Kumaratne who takes over from Dr. Andy Spencer as Lead Clinician for SSBCNN in January and Dr. Melanie Sutcliffe on her substantive consultant post at RWH and Network Clinical Effectiveness Lead role.



**Neonatal Guidelines 2011-13**

The fourth 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, was published in November.

The book includes 101 guidelines that have been drafted with reference to published medical literature and amended after extensive consultation. Wherever possible, the recommendations made are evidence based.

Copies of the book are available to network staff free of charge from their neonatal unit. It is available for others to purchase from the Network at a cost of £15.00, ISBN: 978-0-9557058-3-0.

Order forms are available on the Network website at:

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/staffordshire-shropshire-and-black-country-newborn/neonatal-guidelines>

We are inviting all users of the Guidelines to provide feedback by completing the user survey inside the back cover of the book and returning it to the Network by the 31 July 2012.

## NEWS from the Units

**University Hospital of North Staffordshire** – The Newborn Life Support (NLS) course facilitated by Keele University was short listed for a 2011 UHNS staff award. The Newborn Life Support (NLS) team, which consists of both Keele academic and support staff and UHNS staff was nominated in recognition of the successful partnership working in both the development and delivery of the NLS course at Keele. Also short listed for an award was Rose Ciavucco as employee of the year. Rose's dedication to the bereavement services offered to parent's at UHNS is to be commended. Although neither won, it is excellent recognition.

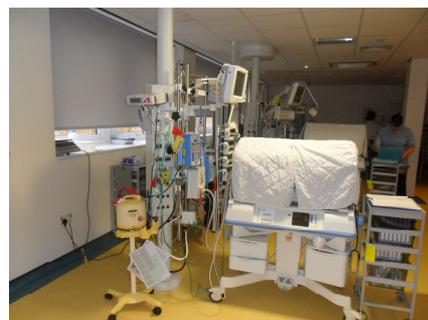
Lynn Davies has been appointed as the Unit Manager, following the retirement of Chris Thomas.

The re-assessment of the Neonatal Unit was carried out on 12 – 13 October 2011 by members of the UNICEF Baby Friendly team. In the report of the re-assessment the team commented on the excellent standards achieved on the neonatal unit, where 99% of mothers express breast milk for their baby. Both Pat and Liz would like to thank all the staff for their hard work (and support) leading up to and during the assessment.

**Royal Wolverhampton Hospital** – The NNU moved to their new unit on the 13 June 2011.

Our community NNU team was set up around four year ago to enable early discharge care of Special Care babies in line with recommendations nationally and locally. Originally operating as a three day service, it went to a 5 day service in 2010 and this year is now a 7 day service. The Community Team have allowed children with low birth weight, oxygen dependency or needing nasogastric feeding to be discharged on average 5 days earlier following the results of an audit completed this year.

Every year on the NNU at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital a get together is provided for families and friends of children that have been on the unit in the last two years or are still under the care of the Neonatal community service in the form of a Christmas party. Presents are given to all the children along with a buffet lunch provided for parents and children, as well as a very special guest appearance by Father Christmas.



## Fourth Network Audit Competition



The Fourth Network Audit Competition was held on the afternoon of the 11 February 2011, following the Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training.

This is an annual event with the next Audit Competition to be held in 2012.

Pictured (from left to right):

3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner-Dr Kamanee Menik Upatissa

2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner -Ms Bernadette Khodaghalian

Dr Alison Moore, Network Audit Lead

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners - Dr Jyoti Kapur & Dr Kate Palmer (on behalf of Dr Richard Goodman)

# Maternity Network Stakeholder and Perinatal Education Event



Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country  
Newborn and Maternity Networks



**Free of Charge**

The Maternity Network would like to invite you to attend our

## Annual Stakeholder & Perinatal Education Day

Focusing on

**Preterm deliveries, outcomes and Care pathways**

To Be Held On

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Venue: Lecture Suite, Walsall Manor Learning and Conference  
Centre, Route 301  
Manor Hospital, Moat Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 9PS**

### Provisional Topics to Include:

- **Preterm deliveries in SSBC Network – PEER & Badger data on who, where and what outcomes**
- **Women and their families experiences of IUT in SSBC**
- **Debate on the upper Gestational threshold for IUT**
- **Newborn transfer service & move to single call centre**
- **Therapeutic Hypothermia case reports**
- **Reducing the risk of sever HIE - The role of Magnesium Sulphate**
- **User feedback on the Network Obstetric Guidelines**
- **Poster Presentations and Prize**

To book a place at the event please complete a registration form available from Carol Guest, e-mail: [carol.guest@nhs.net](mailto:carol.guest@nhs.net) or phone: 01782 672381. The closing date for registration is **Monday 30 January 2012**.

**NB. Non attendance on the day without prior cancellation will be charged at £50 per individual**

# Newborn Transport Service



## Transport Data & Badgernet

### **Congratulations to:**

- Sarah Cormack in achieving a distinction on her recent Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner course
- Catherine O'Connor in securing a Neonatal Nurses Association Scholarship 2011
- Alex Philpott for obtaining a place with the final 60 personnel accepted onto the National Clinical Lead Scheme programme, selected from 1100 applicants
- Joanne Mills, Transport Sister, on tying the knot with Anthony on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Jackie Harrison and the Badgernet team are currently in the process of designing a transport specific programme which will automatically populate neonatal Badgernet records with information upon completion of the transfer. Jackie is hoping to trial the new system early 2012.

### **Thank You!**

WMNTS would like to thank all attendees, those who contributed prizes, and the organisers of the recent Charity Quiz Night that took place on 18 November at Barnt Green Social Club which raised a total of £600 towards the purchase of a new cooling mattress.

TINY TRAVELLERS APPEAL



## Practice Educator Secondment Opportunity

### Network Practice Educator –Maternity Leave Cover Part Time Secondment Opportunity

An opportunity has arisen for a senior neonatal nurse, already working within one of the neonatal units in the SSBCNN, with experience in training and education to provide maternity leave cover for the post of Network Practice Educator in the neonatal units in the Black Country within the Staffordshire, Shropshire and Black Country Newborn Network for a minimum of six months with probable extension to one year. The post is available as a secondment opportunity (subject to negotiation with your existing employer).

The network Practice Educators provide an integrated network wide professional development programme which encourages a culture of continuous improvement ensuring high standards of neonatal care.

Applicants must have neonatal nursing specialist knowledge and practice at a senior clinical level with proven teaching skills. You will demonstrate commitment and have a good track record showing evidence of leadership and innovation in neonatal nursing.

Informal discussions are welcomed and encouraged. Please Contact any of the below;

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Jo Cookson, Practice Educator

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Ruth Moore, Network Manager/Lead Nurse

E mail: [ruth.moore2@nhs.net](mailto:ruth.moore2@nhs.net) , Mobile 07917107412

**Applicants should submit a copy of their CV with a letter detailing reasons for their interest in this post and Email it to:**

Ruth Moore, Network Manager/Lead Nurse

Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country Newborn Network

**E mail: [ruth.moore2@nhs.net](mailto:ruth.moore2@nhs.net)**

**Closing Date: 22 December 2011**

**Interview Date: 6 January 2012**