

June 2007

Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country



Newborn Network

NEWS

Open Invitation to the SSBC Newborn Network Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th September 12 – 1 pm

Lecture Theatre, Maternity (South) Building, City General site,
University Hospital of North Staffordshire.

Guest Sessions on Parental Involvement:

Andy Cole, Chief Executive, BLISS and Andy Gibson, Warwick University

Network Audit Competition

Thirteen entrants were received with seven being shortlisted for presentation at the Network Audit Competition held on Thursday 22nd March 2007 at Stafford PGMC.

Congratulations to:

Fiona Chambers who won 1st prize of £100 in book vouchers with an 'Audit to Assess the Positioning of Naso-Gastric Tubes in Neonates'.

Dr Leda Theophilou who won 2nd prize of £60 in book vouchers for an audit of 'Preventable Factors in Admissions of Babies 35-36 Weeks Gestation to the Neonatal Unit'.

Dr Deepa Panjwani won 3rd prize of £40 in book vouchers for an audit of the 'Use of Dexamethasone in Chronic Lung Disease'.

Following the success of the event a further competition is to be held later this year, which will be advertised shortly.



Pictured from left to right: Fiona Chambers, Dr Alison Moore – Network Audit Lead, Dr Theophilou and Dr Panjwani

What's coming up?

June 2007

- 18th – Network Team Development Day
- 20th – Long Term Follow Up Group Meeting
- 21st – NTS Transport Study Day
- 25th – Developmental Care Study Day
- 27th – Guidelines Group Meeting

July 2007

- 5th – Joint Transport Group Meeting
- 11th – Maternity Team Meeting
- 18th – RD&A and Workforce Meetings

August 2007

- 7th – Equipment Team Meeting

September 2007

- 5th – Network Board Meeting & AGM
- 11th – Maternity Team meeting
- 13th – Breastfeeding Meeting

New Member of the Network Team



Please welcome to the Network Jo Deeming, Practice Educator – Staffordshire and Shropshire neonatal units.

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Network Long Term Neurological Follow up Group has been newly set up to develop a consistent method of long term follow up and analyse the data collected across the Network. The objectives of the group are to: Co-ordinate having a standardised approach to follow up. To develop an agreed standard protocol for long term follow up within the Network. To collate the results and to consider the resource implications across the network. If you are interested in being involved with this group, please contact Andy Spencer, Chair on 01782 552445.

For more information please visit our website at:

www.newbornnetworks.org.uk/staffs

If you have any comments or would like to get involved please contact a member of the Network Team via the Network Office: Tel: 01782 626185

Results of the Network Staff Survey

Many thanks to all the clinical staff from each neonatal unit who completed and returned the network staff survey questionnaire in October/November 2006. 97 completed questionnaires were received. The neonatal unit at Shrewsbury had the highest response rate and chose a years subscription to the Journal of Perinatal Medicine as their prize. The overall response rate was low (21.5%) but not dissimilar to response rates received in other studies of this type of design using self administered questionnaires. Respondents were from each neonatal unit in the network and from several professional backgrounds and therefore the results are useful to identify areas for organisational development within the newborn network. A copy of the full report (presented to the network board) can be found on the network's website.

The key recommendations were:

- Highlight the network newsletter and website to staff attending each network study day throughout 2007/08
- Start an email circulation list for wider distribution of the newsletter directly to members of clinical staff in each unit
- Review the accessibility of internet for clinical staff and offer internet training highlighting the network's website
- Review and identify different ways for staff to contribute at network meetings e.g. tele/videoconferencing
- Review and identify different ways to communicate to staff how views are sought and considered in important decisions in the network
- Feedback the results of the first staff survey to the clinical staff across the network
- Further work is required to understand the disparity in the perception of the network by staff on the two units in Staffordshire & Shropshire in order to improve this.
- Repeat the network staff survey following completion of the network team development study days

Neonatal Foundation Programme Nurses Welcomed to the Network

Following a successful bid for funding by the Workforce Development Group. Four nurses have been employed as of the 1st May for six months to undertake the newly developed Network Neonatal Nursing Foundation Training Programme. Pictured from left to right below: Jenny Bill, Lisa Powell, Libby Symonds and Sarah Cartlidge



Maternity Network Update

Lead Obstetrician: Simon Jenkinson

Project Manager: Nina Spofforth

The network has been working on a number of objectives towards it's aim of promoting good quality, safe, local and sustainable services. These include agreeing a network-wide in-utero transfer policy. This is currently being discussed at Labour Ward Forums with the aim of gaining ratification across the area. The network also hopes to embark on patient consultation around in-utero transfer experiences. Other areas of work include exploring other common ways of working through common guidelines and in meeting the national agenda, and a scoping exercise to assess and plan for compliance with the 2009 European Working Time Directive.

Network Bids Process Outcome

As in previous years each network sub group was invited to submit bids for the use of the non recurrent funding available within the network. The bids were reviewed by a small group consisting of the Network Management Team and the Chair of each sub group. Due to the financial situation in the NHS the non recurrent money was made available to use from April 2007. The successful bids are summarised in the table below.

Bid	Total Bid Cost	Rank 1= Highest	Comments
1. Breastfeeding Equipment Bid	£4,722	1	AGREED
2. Near Patient Monitoring Systems Bid	Between £91,327 - £129,682	3	AGREED 1 per unit subject to sufficient funds available
3. Development of a Network Post Registration Neonatal Nursing Foundation Programme	£50,500	2	AGREED TO IMPLEMENT, NEED TO ENSURE LINK TO WORKFORCE PLANS
4. Annual Network Audit Prize, and Network Cranial Ultrasound Audit Support	£200 £100		AGREED AS LOW COST NB. AUDIT PRIZES BOOK VOUCHERS NOT MONEY