



Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country  
Neonatal Operational Delivery Network

Bereavement Leads Group Meeting	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
Room 3, Post Graduate Medical Centre, County Hospital, Stafford	
Minutes	
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Karen Hughes – Hope House Neil Evans- Acorns Jo Cookson – Practice Educator, SSBCN ODN Lynsey Clarke – Practice Educator, SSBCN ODN Liz Jennings - RSUH Bev Paterson - DGH Kathryn Horton Carole Saddler - RWH Nathalya Kennedy
1A.	<b>Present:</b> Jan Latham – Bereavement Midwife, SaTH Di Rogers – NNU Sister, SaTH Ruth Moore, Manager/Lead Nurse, SSBCN ODN
2.	<b>Minutes from the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 meeting</b> Agreed
3.	<b>Matters Arising;</b> <b>Action from last meeting still outstanding: HA to circulate the purple butterfly logo for use in multiple pregnancies when one twin has died.</b> Communication links – SaTH identified continued difficulties with communication between hospitals when there are shared cases. Different practices in terms of who issues the death certificate to parents was highlighted as potentially adding to these communication difficulties in some services there is a bereavement department that do this where in others it is the bereavement lead/clinical team. JL identified it may be useful if the bereavement leads from both SaTH and RSUH attend the joint perinatal mortality review meetings that have been set up. <b>RM to ask AS and SS to consider this.</b> Communication from BCH remains problematic following the death of a baby, referring units bereavement leads are not informed in a timely manner. The bereavement leads were not clear if BCH has an identified MBRRACE perinatal mortality surveillance lead responsible for reporting neonatal deaths at BCH on the national system. <b>RM to feed this back to BCH neonatal improvement strategy group</b>
4.	<b>Increase Post Mortem Uptake Update</b> Jo Cookson provided the following update via email to the group: “I am currently in the process of getting a working party organised. Happy for any of the group to become part of this. <b>Please contact JC via email if you would like to get involved <a href="mailto:joanne.cookson2@nhs.net">joanne.cookson2@nhs.net</a></b> The aim of this working group is to look to develop the content for an on line training course. I have some provisional costings for this and once finalised i will approach different agencies such as SANDS and 4Louis for sponsorship. So far I have Asha Shenvi (SSBC Medical Education Lead), Sarah Tranter (Joint SSBC/SWM QIL), a service user and have e mailed Phil Cox to get some availability for meeting. It is hoped that his training will be accessed as part of the Drs induction package so therefore would increase knowledge on a wider basis than a stand alone study day.” JL suggested that JC contacts Karen Henson Bereavement and Spiritual lead at BWH as she delivers the PM training with input from Phil Cox. RM mentioned to JL that the draft programme for the Joint Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Education Event on 6 <sup>th</sup> October was currently being put together and we are hoping to include a joint

	session by JL and BWH to highlight the positive impact on the offer and uptake of PMs that having a dedicated bereavement lead has. JL said she would be happy to do this. <b>RM asked JL to keep the date in her diary</b>
5.	<b>Dudley Guideline on Taking Babies Home from Hospital</b> Bev had shared Dudley's guideline, staff checklist and form. <b>All bereavement leads to review these to see if they could be adopted for use in each service in the network</b>
6.	<b>Bereavement Photography Course</b> DR reported this had been very successful and another course is being held In November which will be available for other staff from across the network to register to attend. <b>DR to send RM the date and details for inclusion on the network website.</b>
7.	<b>Joint Working with the SWMN ODN</b> SWMN ODN Bereavement leads would welcome SSBC colleagues joining them at their next meeting which is taking place at Friarsgate, Shirley 9am – 12md. <b>RM to check with SWMN ODN to see if teleconference facilities could be available which would make this easier for SSBC staff to take part in the meeting</b> A shorter joint meeting could be facilitated during lunch break at the joint Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Education Meeting taking place on 6 <sup>th</sup> October at the PGMC, County Hospital, Stafford
8.	<b>Any Other Business</b> Bereavement Care Network – Information about this Sands/RCM network was circulated with the papers for the meeting Joint Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Education Event Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October in Stafford – Date for every-one's diaries, programme and registration details to be circulated shortly Palliative Care Module, University of Coventry – The programme will run if there are 6 people registered. The course is completed online via skype and requires about 200 hours of learning. <b>DR to supply RM the details to circulate to the group. RM to discuss at the SSBCN ODN Education and Workforce meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> Future meetings of this group – Ideas to improve attendance at this meeting were discussed. One suggestion is to have an invited speaker at each meeting so that there is education value as well as service improvement/peer support across bereavement leads in the network. JL suggested the Dr from Bristol that spoke about the study with parents at the Perinatal Mortality Tool event on 9 <sup>th</sup> June Counselling for bereavement especially early losses – where / who do you refer to? Each baby counts Clinical Forum 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 Feedback 4Louis had offered JL another cooling cot which she did not require, JL identified that both 4Louis and the Lily Mae Foundation provide useful resources such as memory boxes that all units can access. Together for short lives – Perinatal Pathway for Babies with Palliative Care Needs 2017 can be downloaded from: <a href="http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/professionals/resources/">http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/professionals/resources/</a> Tommy's/ NHS England stillbirth best practice portal – email forwarded to the group on Weds that had also been sent by WM Maternity and Newborn clinical network to the HOMs at each Trust.
9.	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> September 9am – 12md</b> Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull B90 4BN (Parking is at the hotel next door) RM asking SWM to see if teleconferencing is possible <b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b> meet during lunch break at Perinatal Mortality and Morbidity Education Event, Stafford – this has been suggested – <b>all to confirm if this is OK</b>

Agenda Item	Action	Lead Responsible
3	HA to circulate purple butterfly logo to the group	Hayley Amos
3	RM to contact Asha Shenvi and Shiva Shankar about the possibility of including the bereavement leads from both Trusts at the joint SaTH/UHNM mortality review meetings	Ruth Moore
3	RM to feedback to BCH neonatal strategic improvement group the groups concerns re poor communication from BCH to referring centres when a baby dies	Ruth Moore
4	Please contact Jo Cookson via email if you would like to get involved in a working group to develop post mortem training	All

4	JL to keep 6 <sup>th</sup> October free to attend and speak at the Joint Perinatal Mortality Education Event	Jan Latham
5	All bereavement leads to review the Dudley documents to see if they could be adopted for use in each service in the network	All bereavement leads
6	DR to send RM the date and details of the next bereavement photography course for inclusion on the network website.	Di Rogers
7	RM to check with SWMN ODN to see if teleconference facilities could be available which would make this easier for SSBC staff to take part in the meeting	Ruth Moore
8	DR to supply RM the details of the palliative care module tutor to circulate to the group. RM to discuss at the SSBCN ODN Education and Workforce meeting on 10th July	Di Rogers Ruth Moore
9	It has been suggested that the group could have a short meeting over lunch at the Joint Perinatal Mortality Education Event on 6 <sup>th</sup> October in Stafford – please confirm if you like this suggestion	All