

JOINT NEONATAL GUIDELINES MEETING

23rd February 2015

Present:

Kate Palmer
Matthew Stone (librarian)
Sivakumar

Apologies:

Alex Philpott
Alyson Skinner
Julie Taylor
Sanjeev Deshpande
Thiru
Vikranth Venugopalan

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the telephone conference on 8th December were agreed.

Matters Arising

None that were not covered in the agenda

Process for other units/networks to participate in the guidelines update

This has been deferred until the new guidelines coordinator is in post. Once she has started (in March) Kate Palmer and Ruth Moore will meet with her and the BCGP chair.

Cooling in non-cooling centre guideline joint audit across both networks update

Vikranth Venugopalan from City Hospital has been identified as the lead for this for SWM NMN and Alison Moore, the audit lead, has been asked to lead on this for SSBC MNM. KP will E mail AM asking for a progress report.

Guidelines Update

Marion Kerr provided an update on the guidelines revision. The 5th batch has recently been sent to the guidelines lead in each trust for comments. There are 10 authors of a total of 26 guidelines who have yet to return their revised guideline to Marian. KP and SS will each chase the authors within their own network.

NICE accreditation Update

Nothing to report

AOB

The maternal herepes guideline has caused some confusion as there is a discrepancy between the advice in the obstetric guideline and that in the neonatal one. In particular in some circumstances the obstetric guideline advises no intervention following vaginal delivery whilst the neonatal guideline advises that the baby is treated with aciclovir. KP will contact the author of the neonatal guideline to make them aware of this.

It was agreed that it would be helpful for the new coordinator to have some rules around when/how to chase recalcitrant authors.

Next Meeting

May/June 2015

KP 05 March 2015