

Airway Training Package – Explanatory Notes

Welcome to the Y&H Neonatal ODN airway training package.

The package is made up of sections for tier 1 and tier 2 trainees.

Each part includes:-

- A PowerPoint teaching package – designed to be used for self-directed learning
- Educational video links
- A self-assessed competency checklist

If you are someone setting up the use of this within your department you may wish to consider a few things first:

- **Which staff will use the package** – it may be useful to consider whether as well as rotational trainees the resources could be used for any permanent members of staff .
- **What does the orientation to the NNU involve** - does it include where appropriate airway equipment and training resources are stored?
- During orientation all staff should be aware of any **local escalation strategies** when things don't go as planned with airway management.
- **Do you include an assessment of airway skills** as part of induction/orientation – how does this fit in with the competency sheet?
- **Are the training resources such as intubation mannequins readily available** to all staff members – if not, could this be achieved? You may wish to print and laminate parts of the presentations to work through next to any skills station.

Competency Checklist:

- Should be used flexibly and with common sense
- Is to allow trainees to consider strengths and gaps in experience and direct educational experiences to help fill any gaps
- Should open discussions with clinical supervisors at the start of the attachment as to which areas need support
- For more long-term staff may help to highlight where experience is infrequent and needs revising
- Is not designed to be a thorough/rigid checklist that all trainees must complete within a certain timeframe or order

The package works best where it is a visible part of teaching on the NNU and a proactive approach to setting up and using skills stations/simulations/paired work between senior and junior team members is used.