

## Yorkshire & Humber Neonatal ODN Clinical Forum (North)

**Record of Teleconference Call  
Thursday 14 May 2020, 3 - 4pm**

Present	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Charlotte Bradford, Senior Information Manager, ODN</li> <li>▪ Tracey Cole, Network Co-ordinator, ODN</li> <li>▪ Eilean Crosbie, Consultant Paediatrician, Calderdale &amp; Huddersfield</li> <li>▪ Chris Day (<i>Chair</i>), Consultant Neonatologist, Bradford Teaching/Clinical Lead Y&amp;H Neonatal ODN</li> <li>▪ Denise Evans, Lead Nurse, ODN</li> <li>▪ Kathryn Johnson, Consultant Neonatologist, Leeds</li> <li>▪ Marie-Anne Kelly, Nurse Educator, ODN</li> <li>▪ Wendy Kilner, Lead Nurse, Calderdale</li> <li>▪ Kate Lamming, NICU Manager, Hull</li> <li>▪ Vicky Lister, Ward Manager SCBU, Harrogate &amp; District</li> <li>▪ Fiona Metcalfe, Lead Nurse Surgery, Leeds</li> <li>▪ Jo Preece, Consultant Neonatologist, Hull</li> <li>▪ Kirsty Randell, Matron, Airedale</li> <li>▪ Karin Schwarz, Consultant Paediatrician, Calderdale &amp; Huddersfield</li> <li>▪ Louise Smith, Sister, Mid Yorks</li> <li>▪ Sundeep Sandhu, Consultant, York</li> <li>▪ Hazel Talbot, Education &amp; Guideline Lead ODN/Consultant Embrace</li> <li>▪ Julie Walker, Paediatric Matron, Harrogate &amp; District</li> <li>▪ Jo Whiston, Lead Nurse, Embrace</li> <li>▪ Chris Wood, Consultant Paediatrician/Clinical Lead, Hull</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sobia Bilal, Clinical Lead, Harrogate &amp; District</li> <li>▪ Louise Crabtree, Lead Nurse, ODN</li> <li>▪ Victoria Smith, Senior Sister, SCBU, York</li> </ul>

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1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p>CD welcomed all attendees to the conference call and introductions were made.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Parents and visiting</b></p> <p>It was noted that arrangements differed as units are different sizes and there is a need to maintain social distancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bradford – one parent per cot per baby, therefore in the case of twins both parents can visit.</li> <li>▪ Leeds - FM commented that the information from BAPM and RCPCH has helped. Since the weekend, dads are now allowed on to the neonatal unit. There has been some work around scheduling visits in line with social distancing, the logistics are now working out ok.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calderdale – there are no changes, waiting to see what everyone is doing. One parent is allowed to visit, even for twins.</li> <li>▪ Harrogate – dads are now allowed to visit, one parent per visit. However recently they had just one baby on the unit so therefore allowed both parents at the same time.</li> <li>▪ Bradford – both parents are allowed to visit at separate times, however when a baby is in intensive care then both parents can visit together.</li> <li>▪ York are allowing a period of overlap between mum and dad for a couple of hours each day, visiting slots are staggered across each day. It was noted that this unit have a lot of twins.</li> <li>▪ Hull – one parent per cot per baby, therefore in the case of twins both parents can visit. Same in Bradford.</li> <li>▪ Airedale one parent per cot, although bearing in mind the new guidance they are considering options that can be offered to parents while maintaining social distancing.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that Leeds and Hull are asking their parents to wear masks at all times. Bradford parents are only wearing masks when in the dedicated Covid area.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Routine testing</b></p> <p>There was discussion regarding the testing of parents and siblings should they display symptoms. Currently, if a parent or sibling displays symptoms the family are unable to visit and are advised to isolate for two weeks. It is hoped that rapid testing would prevent this situation for those whose tests come back as negative.</p> <p>Leeds intend to undertake rapid testing, however it is not clear how this is progressing. It was noted that there is a huge incentive for families to keep it quiet if they or a family member experience symptoms, however if they were aware that rapid testing could take place they will be more inclined to mention any symptoms to staff. This will make it safer for staff and babies on the units as well as maintaining daily contact between the baby and parents.</p> <p>Mass screening of mums in maternity helps protect us if their babies come on to neonatal units.</p> <p>Leeds is testing all mothers on admission and babies admitted from home as are York, Hull and Bradford. Hull receives their results in 1 or 2 hours in normal working hours, however after 6pm there is no service available overnight.</p>	
4.	<p><b>PPE</b></p> <p>All were asked if they have been able to access PPE when needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hull had run out of FFP2 masks over the weekend, although they were able to source from another department. Hull has had to source different gowns to those they usually purchase and some staff have had to re-use their gown on a shift. It was noted that the system in Hull is very good when supplies are low.</li> <li>▪ York is experiencing shortages of fluid resistant masks.</li> <li>▪ Embrace - HT commented that there seems to be a shortage of gowns.</li> <li>▪ Leeds has experience issues with some PPE, although sometimes it is within the Trust just not on their particular department. There is a need to improve communication across the Trust regarding availability of PPE.</li> </ul> <p>FM asked which masks staff are using for AGPs. It was noted that in Bradford</p>	

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	<p>and most others units in the North unless there is a reason to suspect covid fluid resistant masks are being used in AGPs. However, Leeds is part of a larger Trust and their guidance is that FFP3 masks should be worn for all AGPs.</p> <p>HT commented that because babies are in an incubator if there is no reason to suspect Covid staff are wearing fluid resistant masks not FFP3 masks. All were asked to be explicit if there are any symptoms with the mother or baby when requesting a transfer by Embrace. HT stated that unless there is a need for higher PPE, Embrace staff will remain in the PPE worn at the previous transfer.</p> <p>KS commented that it is reasonable to think about whether babies should be swabbed before transfer by Embrace or upon arrival at a unit. HT stated it would be better for Embrace that this take place at the unit the baby is leaving. The biggest risk posed to Embrace is by the parents not the babies.</p>	All
5.	<p><b>2 year follow ups</b></p> <p>Discussion had taken place in the Clinical Forum South meeting regarding guidance from BAPM for undertaking follow ups while we are avoiding unnecessary face to face appointments. CB will collate and share this information with both North and South Forum members. It was noted that the expectation by NNAP is that the 2 year follow ups are carried out whether by telephone or video call. The online PaRCA-R has a very narrow time window for testing in terms of CGA, more so than the NNAP window.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hull is using WhatsApp to carry out these follow ups.</li> <li>▪ Leeds are sending out the PARCA-R questionnaire and then going through this information with parents via Attend Anywhere. Leeds has found that parents are engaging more with this format although a few face to face appointments have also taken place.</li> <li>▪ York is currently trying to set up a system however they are experiencing IT issues. A few face to face appointments have taken place.</li> <li>▪ Bradford is using Attend Anywhere for follow ups.</li> <li>▪ Calderdale have carried out a few face to face appointments.</li> </ul> <p>It is anticipated that this format may continue to be used post Covid, the benefits being less DNAs, less hassle for parents as there is no need to travel to hospital sites for appointments etc.</p>	CB
6.	<p><b>Normal immunisation process</b></p> <p>All were urged to continue with the normal immunisation process. Babies who are still on units up to week 8 can have their vaccinations before they go home, all were urged to look for opportunities to be compliant and provide vaccinations before babies leave the unit.</p>	All
7.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NEC Awareness Day will take place on Sunday 17 May 2020, all were encouraged to disseminate information around their units.</li> <li>▪ MAK informed all that content from the Foundation course is on line. It was agreed that MAK would circulate the outstanding topics to see if there is potential for this information to be provided.</li> </ul>	MAK/All
8.	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next video conference call will take place via Microsoft Teams on <b><u>Tuesday 16 June, between 10am – 12noon.</u></b></p>	All

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	JP will confirm with Admin ODN whether the tentative date of Tuesday 16 June, between 1-3pm will go ahead for the Mortality Review Panel North meeting.	<b>JP/Admin</b>

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