



# The Northern Neonatal Network

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## **Northern Neonatal Network Board Meeting 14.00 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 The Durham Centre, Belmont, Durham**

### **Present**

Deborah Jenkins (DJ), Network Chair  
Sundeep Harigopal (SH), Network Clinical Lead  
Peter Dixon (PD), NHS England, Senior Local Service Specialist  
Rob Bolton (RB), South Tyneside, Associate Specialist Paediatrics  
Yve Collingwood (YC), Newcastle, Unit Manager  
Samir Gupta, (SG), North Tees, Consultant Neonatologist  
Mark Green (MGr), Network Data Manager  
Lesley Heelbeck (LH), QEH Gateshead, Midwifery Services Manager  
Lynne Paterson (LP), Network Nurse Lead  
Martin Ward-Platt (MWP), Network Audit Lead  
Jonathan Wyllie (JW), South Tees, Consultant Neonatologist  
Majd Abu-Harb (MAH), Sunderland, Consultant Paediatrician  
Hazel Raby (HR), North Cumbria, Operations Service Manager  
Alan Fenton (AF), Newcastle, Consultant Neonatologist  
Mehdi Garbash (MG), County Durham & Darlington, Consultant Neonatologist  
Jackie Butterworth, (JB), Sunderland, Divisional General Manager  
Janet Mackie, (JM), North Tees, Head of Midwifery & Children's Services  
Kristina Simmons, (KS), Sunderland Unit Manager  
Suzanne Thompson (SuT), NHSE, Maternity Clinical Network Manager  
Hannah McGee, Child Health

### **1. Welcome and introductions.**

DJ welcomed attendees. A round of introductions followed.

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Martyn Boyd, Khari Gad, Lorraine Munroe, Richard Hearn, Rob Tinnion, Jane hall, Dennis Bosman, Debbie Bryan.

### **3. Neonatal Peer Reviews**

DJ welcomed Lisa Cunnington and Hannah Coyle from NHSE to the meeting.

LC presented to the group the framework and visit cycle for the Neonatal Peer Reviews. LC advised the aim would be to influence the development of services offered to provide consistency and share learning through peer participation. It would also be incorporated into the development of policy indicators produced by MB. Each unit would submit a declaration and evidence for assessment which would be driven by the QI agreed by the Network Manager and working groups. LC confirmed the date for the QI to be agreed by the CCG 25<sup>th</sup> May.

LC advised sessions were being held up and down the country to encourage staff to sign up to Peer Review training along with sessions for volunteers which would include parents. LP asked if there could be scope for local training for the Network. LC agreed this could be arranged and dates to be provided to HC.

LC gave the group an overview of expectations on the day of Peer Review which would include a formal meeting with external reviewers followed by a tour of facilities available. As part of the review process a written report following the meeting and review of facilities would be issued on the day for discussion. The final report would be sent to the Chief Executive of the trust outlining recommendations.

The group agreed time frames. AF requested communications to include Lead Clinicians. LisaP to send presentation to the group and forward training details.

**Action – LisaP to forward presentation and training dates.**

#### **4. CHS/STFT Path To Excellence Proposed Service Changes**

DJ welcomed Patrick Garner to the meeting

PG updated the group on the current position for the proposed service change to the SCBU unit at South Tyneside Hospital and asked the group for their initial thoughts on the appropriateness of the clinical model, neonate transport, potential risks and any suggestions for mitigation.

LH asked if there were any predictions for patient flow to Gateshead. PG advised there would be a shift of activity and he would need to look at the activity flow model. PG commented discussions were taking place with NEAS on proposals for transport.

SH advised there was capacity at Sunderland to take the extra costs, however this would pose impact on staffing. PG advised there was provision in the budget for staff to move from South Tyneside to Sunderland.

PG asked the group if there were any further questions. No further questions were raised.

#### **9. New Local Maternity Systems**

DJ welcomed Suzanne Thompson to the meeting.

ST gave the group an overview on Better Births five year forward view for

maternity services. The new LMS would consist of Network Groups and workstreams, led locally with support at regional and national levels.

ST summarised in March to launch of the three LMS across Northern England. Following the initial meeting an event had been planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> September to follow up on action plans agreed at the event in March which must be in place for the National deadline October 2017.

SH advised the work collaboratively to develop an agenda which included;

- Define our shared vision for our local maternity system (LMS), and identify key areas of work.
- Agree how we will engage with and use the experience of parents, our workforce and other sources of local intelligence.
- Consider some of the possibilities and opportunities that the development of LMSs offers, including the identification of clinical excellence across our area.
- Confirm the governance structure, leadership and accountability for each LMS and how it relates to the sustainability and transformation plans (STPs).
- Agree a process to have action plans in place for the national deadline of October 2017.

The group discussed further key work and initiatives. The group agreed ST to draft action plans for the Network to MB/SH.

**Action - ST to draft action plans to the NNN and send information regarding the LMS event in September.**

## **5. Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Neonatal Network Board, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

DJ/AF advised changes to wording point 3 Network Response to MBRRACE-UK Report and NHS England Concerns.

**Action AF/DJ to agree wording.**

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **Network Chair Position**

DJ advised she was open to change. Group agreed comments to be forward to SH.

### **Network Workforce Strategy Update**

On hold MB to update on return.

**Action - MB to update at next meeting**

## **7. Unit/Trust Update and Issues**

### **RVI**

Staff recruited and in post. BFI completed stage 1 progressing to stage 2. YC updated the group on the appointment of Rob Tinnion and advised discussions would take place for Rob to meet all Unit Managers. YC advised

funding had been agreed from Commissioning to recruit specialist nurses, 3 practitioners and call handlers. Training needs were being identified and training plans implemented. YC asked for a section on the NNN website for the Transport Team to update information.

### **North Tees**

Shortfall in staffing for nurses and middle grades, advert has gone out. Discussions on going with South Tees to align services.

### **Hannah McGee**

Good patient feedback. Coping with demands for the service.

### **Cumbria**

Struggling with rotas and staffing for nurses. Running reduced costs at Darlington.

### **Gateshead**

Business case submitted for nurse practitioner role. Work on going for succession planning.

### **Sunderland**

Low level activity continues due to staffing levels. MAJ suggested a nursing review at trust level to address the issues.

### **South Tyneside**

No issues to report average intensity of workload.

### **Cumbria**

HR stated they had come out of special measures. Issues with staffing pressures, nurses at Carlisle and consultant led in Maternity at West Cumberland whilst recruiting more doctors at Cumbria. HR invited the Network to the working group meeting.

**Action – HR to advise dates for Working Group Meeting**

### **South Tees**

7 consultants have been appointed, 5 ANNP's in post and 2 in training. Staffing issues, currently interviewing.

### **Commissioning**

PD advised no update.

## **8. Standing item – Network officer updates**

Group reviewed reports and no issues were identified.

## **10. Reconfiguration update**

SH advised he had met with Jason Waugh, Clinical Director at Newcastle to discuss the plans for expansion. Phase 2 expansion has been sent to the Executive Board for approval.

SG advised the movement of cots and staff had not been fully agreed at North Tees. PD commented further discussion and Trust agreement was needed.

**11. Network Parent Workshop**

DJ summarised the format and aims for the Parent Workshop Day 20<sup>th</sup> May at Lumley Castle and asked the group for support and volunteers.

**12. Annual Workplan**

The group were asked to review the work plan and advise comments.

**Action – All**

**13. Network Website**

SH gave a brief overview of where we were at with the new NNN website and asked the group in MB absence to email ideas and suggestions for content.

**Action – All**

**14. AOB**

**Case Review**

SH reminded the group representation for case reviews from each unit was required following the MBRRACE-UK report.

**Date of next meeting**

**2pm – 4pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, The Durham Centre**