


**Minutes**  
**North West & North Wales Paediatric Critical Care ODN Oversight Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 10.00am Via MS Teams**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Lucy Allton welcomed everyone to the North West &amp; North Wales Paediatric Critical Care ODN Oversight meeting.</p> <p>For attendance and apologies, please see appendix 1.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Notes of last meeting:</b></p> <p>Notes agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jo McBride explained there is a meeting with the national team to get more intelligence about the commissioning of level 2 beds, and will update the group – To be discussed as part of service development monies</i></li> <li>• <i>Guidelines ratification - Lucy Allton will share the process when finalised – To be discussed in meeting</i></li> <li>• <i>Jo McBride commented that on all the site visits, CAMHS is an issue that has been consistently raised. There are a number of different staffing models/staff support systems; the ODN team will speak to these trusts to share the information – ODN will collate information and share, also plan to have a session at future meeting</i></li> <li>• <i>If anyone has any information on the Fabian ventilator, please send to Jon McViety and Paul Langridge – Jon not present today</i></li> <li>• <i>Helen Coutts asked to be added to the pressure gauge distribution list. If anyone else would like to be added to the distribution list, please let Jo McBride know - Done</i></li> <li>• <i>Wendy Sutton has put in a funding request for CAMHS/Safeguarding Nurse; she will share the funding model when ready – Will share when have info</i></li> <li>• <i>Nicola Longden working on a procedure for making up non-standard fluids; will share when ready - Nic to share when ready</i></li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>NWTS Update</b></p> <p>NWTS update given by Suzy Emsden:</p>  <p>NWTS update for PCC ODN August 20</p>	
4.	<p><b>National Update</b></p> <p>Lucy gave the update from the National ODN meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All areas very busy</li> </ul>	

- National occupancy on DoS has been 90%+ consistently
- Surgery waiting list recovery is slower for children than for adults
- Elective recovery hampered by level of PIC activity
- Service development money allocated to each region based on population and deprivation; money to be used for transport and level 2/surge
- DoS changes went live on Monday
- RSV numbers seemed to have levelled, and hospitalisations have decreased over last couple of weeks, although need to see impact of children returning to school
- Hepatitis numbers have now decreased, and hepatitis cell has been stood down
- The NW surge plan has been submitted

5. **Updates by area**

ODN

- Network Manager, Helen Blakesley, now in post
- Data analyst now in post. Working to get a dashboard established to look at HDU/PCC activity.
- Getting activity data for level 1 and 2 from ICB's

- Presentation given by Helen Blakesley regarding the ODN guidelines process:



Ratification  
procedure for ODN Ratification Guidance



Guideline

- Please send any comments to [louise.king@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:louise.king@mft.nhs.uk) or [helen.blakesley@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.blakesley@mft.nhs.uk)

- Presentation given by Helen regarding the PCC review process:



PCC Reviews.pdf



Self Assessment of  
PCCS 2021 Standard

<https://pccsociety.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/PCCS-Standards-2021.pdf>

- VAST Project Information (Valuing All Staff Together) - You can tell us about your experiences by clicking [here](#) or copying the link below:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/GfbL0KsXFu>

Alternatively, you can scan this QR Code:



## Tertiary Centres

### RMCH

- Continue to be very busy; Compared to 2020, PICU activity up 47% and HDU activity up 10%. Large increase in LTV patients, up 300%.
- Decrease in elective surgery patients being able to get onto PICU, due to increase in admissions
- Currently in discussions with commissioners re pressures

### AHCH

- Intermittently busy, particularly on HDU
- Staffing has been a challenge, but some new nurses getting into the numbers which is positive
- Had a nurse recruitment event for PICU a few weeks ago, which appeared to go well

## N Wales, IOM

### IoM

- Staffing issues
- Lots of HDU patients, but only 2 that had to go up to ICU

### Glan Clywd

- Activity steady
- A couple of patients transferred to PICU for prolonged seizures / blocked shunts
- Some nursing shortages, but have some new nurses who are getting their competencies up ready for winter

## L&SC

### MBHT

- Ongoing building work at both sites
- Several high acuity patients at Lancaster
- At Furness, not quite as busy, but staffing/recruitment an issue

### Blackpool


- High inpatient numbers
- Mixture of patients, seeing some RSV
- Received some NWTS input
- Patient passed away after paracetamol overdose
- A patient with non-accidental injury suffering seizures transferred out
- Seeing increase in mental health admissions
- Had flurry of staff covid sickness, but this has improved
- New staff getting trained up for winter
- Newly qualified staff to start in September

### ELHT

- Have been stable at around 2 covid patients at any one time
- Seeing increase in newly diagnosed diabetic patients; peak of 7 patients one month, difficult for staff to manage
- HDU numbers stable at around 2-5 per day
- Catching up on staff training; APLS delayed during covid and getting back up and running with AHCH HDU course
- Struggling in terms of middle grade cover; locum spending high

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have recruited 3 trainee Advanced Clinical Practitioner posts</li> </ul> <p><u>C&amp;M</u></p> <p>Overview from Kim Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity not too bad</li> <li>- HDU capacity good in the DGHs</li> <li>- Main issue is significantly higher CAMHS admissions, and delayed discharges to social care</li> <li>- Nursing staffing issues, mainly due to covid, and some very junior workforces in some DGHs</li> </ul> <p>Chester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issues with junior staff and resilience and morale</li> </ul> <p>Warrington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issues with CAMHS and safeguarding patients</li> <li>- Staffing issues; recruiting nurses at present</li> <li>- New member of staff to the safeguarding team with social care background who will support with the complex discharges</li> </ul> <p><u>GM</u></p> <p>Bolton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RSV numbers peaked in week 19/20, so not as high as July as last year</li> <li>- Ward busy, although fluctuates through the week</li> <li>- Had support from NWTs this morning</li> <li>- 3 HDU patients at present</li> <li>- Currently doing winter surge planning</li> <li>- Some staff off with covid in last month</li> <li>- Issues with medical staffing</li> </ul> <p>Stockport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inpatient numbers up and down</li> <li>- Thanks to NWTs for their support and the transfer out of 2 patients on the same day</li> <li>- Have done winter escalation plan</li> </ul> <p>Oldham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ricky Barber introduced himself as the new ward manager at Oldham. Will give update at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Spec Comm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No representative present</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Nurse Group Update</b></p> <p>Update given by Mica Davey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last meeting in July, good attendance</li> <li>- Appreciate having Lucy Allton at the meeting for joined up working with ODN</li> <li>- Good to hear that Surgery Network want to model a similar nursing group</li> <li>- Across the region activity has been unseasonably high</li> <li>- High acuity patients</li> <li>- Lots of CAMHS patients</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issues with staff sickness</li> <li>- Education ongoing through the summer</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>NW Pressure Gauge: feedback</b></p> <p>Update from Lucy Allton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pressure gauge developed in conjunction with NWTS to look at pressures in the system with G&amp;A and PICU beds</li> <li>- Regular Sitrep meetings - standing down / stepping up as required</li> <li>- Pressure gauge is sent out mon-fri to gather data from across the region and from NWTS to monitor current picture</li> <li>- Any comments please send to <a href="mailto:lucy.allton@mft.nhs.uk">lucy.allton@mft.nhs.uk</a></li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Surge plan</b></p> <p>Update from Lucy Allton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks for all your input</li> <li>- NW surge plan is now complete and has gone to NHSE regional SLT - awaiting amendment from them</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Equipment – any issues with kit expiring?</b></p> <p>No issues raised.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Funding for level 2 care - ODN’s approach to securing funding</b></p> <p>Update from Lucy Allton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nationally there has been service development monies allocated to the regions based on population and deprivation</li> <li>- We are now in a position to explore possibilities of how to best use the money</li> <li>- Money to be used for transport and surge / level 2</li> <li>- Any suggestions for how money should be spent, please contact ODN</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>ODN website – Content suggestions</b></p> <p>Update from Lucy Allton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ODN website to go live in September</li> <li>- The network team are currently in the process of putting the information together to go on the website</li> <li>- Planning to have an education calendar on the website with all the education opportunities across the region/country that are shared with us</li> <li>- Any suggestions for content, please contact ODN</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>NWTS conference - September 21st 2022</b></p> <p>See Suzy’s slides – item 3.</p> <p>Web link:  <a href="https://www.nwts.nhs.uk/education/nwtsconference">https://www.nwts.nhs.uk/education/nwtsconference</a></p>	

13.	<p><b>RMCH – HIVE Go Live</b></p> <p>Update from Heather Jackson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HIVE scheduled to go live on 8<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>- The aim is to get down to commissioned beds, i.e. 15 level 3, 12 level 2, however are consistently over these numbers</li> <li>- Pressures due to number of staff to get trained and the number of training days</li> <li>- There are structures in place to support with rollout; command centres and senior leadership teams</li> <li>- There are no concerns with the additional patients, and there is no difference to the normal admission criteria</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Suggestions – Guidelines working group</b> Please send any suggestions for guidelines to the ODN.</p> <p>Sarah Salka noted that she is keen to join a working group looking at SOPs.</p> <p>Suzy Emsden stated that any guidelines with a critical care aspect to them NWTs will contribute to them.</p> <p><b>Paediatric same-day emergency care</b> Helen Campbell shared the following document, and asked that any feedback is sent to <a href="mailto:england.sdec@nhs.net">england.sdec@nhs.net</a> by the 31st August:</p>  <p>DRAFT Paediatric SDEC guidance V.1.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Summary of Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestions re service development monies to be sent to ODN (via <a href="mailto:louise.king@mft.nhs.uk">louise.king@mft.nhs.uk</a>)</li> <li>- Suggestions for content of ODN website to be sent to ODN (via <a href="mailto:louise.king@mft.nhs.uk">louise.king@mft.nhs.uk</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
16.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> November 2022</p>	

## APPENDIX 1

### **Attendees:**

#### ODN

Ben Lakin, Co Clinical Lead, NW Paediatric Critical Care ODN  
Lucy Allton, Lead Nurse, NW SIC/PCC ODN's  
Helen Blakesley, Network Manager, NW LTV ODN  
Louise King, Project Support Officer, NW Paediatric Networks  
Shannon Smith, VAST, NW Paediatric Networks  
Adam Davies, VAST, NW Paediatric Networks

#### Regional

Abigail Holt, Blackpool	Kim Williams, Southport and Ormskirk
Abigail Pepperman, BCUHB	Kylie Reid, MBHT
Amicia Davey, NWTS	Laura Armistead, MFT
Andy Butler, Bolton	Laura Norton, MBHT
Claudia Spalding, ELHT	Lekha Sridhar, AHCH
Clare Stafford, Blackpool	Lewis Stott, ELHT
Dorthe Grainger, MFT	Paul Jameson, Countess of Chester
Georgina Haddock, Warrington	Rachael Whittington, Stockport
Heather Jackson, MFT	Ricky Barber, NCA
Helen Campbell, ELHT	Sandra Sah, NHS North
Helen Dallow	Sarah Salka, Southport and Ormskirk
Jemima Sharp, Wythenshawe, MFT	Shelley Piper, Blackpool
Jenny Dalzell, AHCH	Suzy Emsden, NWTS
Karen Smith, Nobles, Isle of Man	Tabitha Bowker, Countess of Chester

### **Apologies:**

Jo McBride  
John Horley  
Vanessa Wilson  
Jon McViety  
Marie Higgin  
Jo Connolly  
Karen Wilson  
Rachel Smith  
Stephanie Holmes  
Julie Flaherty