


Minutes
North West Surgery in Children ODN Oversight Group Meeting
Friday 11th March 2022 10am – 12 noon via MS Teams

1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Jo McBride, Network Director, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for joining.</p> <p>For attendance and apologies, please see appendix 1.</p>	JM
2.	 <p>Notes North West Surgery in Children</p> <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICS's to link with Paediatric Cells to ensure information on elective stepdown is current and shared with the ODN. – Complete. 2. Terms of Reference to be shared with the minutes. – Complete, no amendments. 3. Marie Higgin, NHSE/GIRFT Implementation Manager commented that she had recently received an example from London of a Staff Movement Agreement (multispecialty) and offered to share with the ODN for circulation. – Complete, shared. 	JM
3	<p>Update from National Surgery in Children ODN, given by Cath Doherty</p> <p>The Acute Abdominal Pain Pathway for Children.</p> <p>The Acute Abdominal Pain Pathway for Children has been a key piece of work for the National Group. The working group included anaesthesia, children's surgery and nursing, the pathway will aim to improve patient flow, ensuring children get treated at the right place, by the right people at the right time, also providing quality assurance in abdominal pain in children. The working group has been led by Rachael Harwood, Paediatric Surgical Trainee at Alder Hey. The pathway is in final draft, ready to go through the GIRFT process and has been shared with the North West SIC ODN for comments, all comments should be directed to rachel.harwood@alderhey.nhs.uk. Jo McBride added that once this pathway is embedded there will be some valuable audits from a peer review perspective. The documents will be available on the NHS Futures platform under a subspecialty's headings. Su De also informed the group of the development of the ODN website which, once up and running will include ratified ODN documents.</p> <p>NHS Digital Staff Passport</p> <p>NHS England have been looking at ways to best deliver care, including potential paediatric surgical hub sites, this would involve staff movement, requiring staff passports. The NHS Digital Staff Passports are being discussed at the National meeting in May, the ODN will update on this at the next oversight meeting. Cath Doherty advised that all members of the ODN should ensure that their Trust HR have registered for the NHS Digital Staff Passport.</p> <p>RCPCH Guidance for elective patients with positive Covid result</p> <p>A letter was shared which had been ratified by RCPCH, supported by the APA and surgical groups, updating that surgery can continue 14 days following onset of symptoms or positive Covid test.</p>	CD/SD

Ukraine Update

NHS England have confirmed that children and young people with cancer from Ukraine will be brought to the UK to receive NHS treatment. Children will be transferred from Ukraine to the UK via the Childrens Cancer Network. A multi-disciplinary medical cell has been established to assess areas requiring medical support from the UK.

Bivona Tracheostomy Tube Shortage

Su De provided an update on the current national shortage of Bivona Tracheostomy tubes, caused by an international silicone shortage. National guidance and risk stratification have been produced (QR code on document below). A working group to plan mutual aid arrangements will be organised by Elaine O'Brian, Lead Nurse for the NW LTV ODN. Jo McBride invited attendees to email if they were interested in being involved in the working group.



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Prioritisation and Re-prioritisation

Su De highlighted the national request for re-prioritisation of children on waiting lists. Su also informed the group that the National Dental Teams have developed a tool called the Welfare Check, for children and young people awaiting dental care under local anaesthesia. The QR code for this can be found on the document below. Cath Doherty added that there are 2 web-based projects running in the GM area, While You Wait and My Planned Care. These are available to give advice to parents, carers and children, awaiting surgery. The advice is centred around the top 3 conditions and red flags while awaiting surgery, also some generic advice around analgesia. Cath Doherty offered to share as a resource via the ODN once finalised, this was recorded as an action.



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ODN Update

Cath Doherty, Co Clinical Lead, NW SiC ODN, updated on: Regional Clinical Working Groups

Regional clinical working groups will be formed, to include terms of reference, membership and a named person at each provider site, the aim will be to have multi-disciplinary groups. Following surveys shared across the ODN and in meetings, the following priority areas were identified as ENT, paediatric surgery and trauma and orthopaedics, these will be the initial working groups, an email will be sent from the ODN for representation. The ENT focus will be to look at the Adenotonsillectomy Pathway and an Anaesthesia Emergency Advice Support Line. The Paediatric Surgery group will be a cross representative group, initially focusing on the Appendix and Abdominal Pain Pathway initially followed by Torsion, which are both national priorities. The third group, Trauma and Orthopaedics will focus on forearm fracture.

Tracheostomy Care Guideline




The Neonatal ODN has a Surgical Interest Group, which has been working to develop a Tracheostomy Care Guideline for the North West region.

Recruitment of NW Surgery in Children Co Clinical Lead for L&SC

Jo McBride informed the group that the NW Surgery in Children ODN would be recruiting a Co Clinical Lead for L&SC. This is following input of some extra funding. Interviews will be taking place shortly.

Cath Doherty highlighted the good links already established with L&SC and added that the recruitment of a Co Clinical Lead for the ODN will strengthen this link further.

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<p>5</p>	<p>Dashboard</p> <p>Specialised Commissioning from NHS England have developed a Children and Young People Data Dashboard in conjunction with the ODN. The dashboard will look at specialist and non-specialised surgery, both elective and non-elective in the North West as well as the 3 subregions of C&M, L&SC and GM. Slides were shared to show a snapshot sample dashboard. The dashboard will be available on the national NHS Futures platform. A group discussion followed the slide presentation. Su De informed the group that Lucy Allton is currently carrying out a project focused on what surgery is carried out in units across the region. Once the location data is complete it will give the ODN an indication of the flow of surgery patients. Adrian Hughes noted the differences between the 3 localities and the need for steering groups, even if not hosted by the ODN, adding that there are steering groups for GM and L&SC, however C&M currently does not have a steering group due to lack of administrative and data support. The ODN agreed to investigate the possibility of providing administrative support. Adam Hebden commented on the essential requirement for links with the Chief Operating Officer within DGH's to initiate progress and the role of the ODN in monitoring the effectiveness of surgery recovery. Su also highlighted the Model Hospital data tool, which has been set up by the GIRFT team, providing data around GIRFT related measurements.</p> <p> Dashboard snapshot.pdf</p>	<p>CD/JM</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>ICS/CRG Surgery Groups</p> <p>Jo McBride informed the group of the newly refined governance structure, highlighting the change from locality meetings, to working groups. The change is necessary to avoid duplication of work. Abby Prendergast highlighted the need to refine the membership for each group. The full overview of the ODN structure and working groups available will be shared once finalised. Jo McBride confirmed that the ODN will be considering all other groups and systems across the North West when setting up working groups.</p> <p>Su De gave an overview of groups in existence in the North West region currently, asking that the ODN be informed of any that are not in the presentation.</p> <p> Existing Networks and Informal Clinica</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>SD</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>GIRFT Presentation by Su De</p> <p>Su De gave an overview of GIRFT, including current key focuses, reports, themes and ODN focuses. Su informed the group that access to the GIRFT data tool, Model Hospital is available to all, upon request.</p> <p> Getting It Right First Time.pptx</p>	<p>SD</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>North West (PIC, SiC & LTV) ODN Board</p> <p>Jo McBride informed the group that the first formal North West (PIC, SiC & LTV) ODN Board meeting would be held on the 16th March 2022.</p>	<p>JM</p>

	<p>Appointment of VAST Clinical Educators.</p> <p>Jo McBride informed the group that the VAST (Valuing All Staff Together) Programme had been awarded funding from Health Education England, to support the wellbeing of all staff following the pandemic and the movement of staff to support adults and or CYP across and within services. The funding has been used to fund 3 Band 6 Clinical Educators, one for each locality. Their role will be to look supporting focus groups and surveys, identifying key themes, and to assist in shaping future education and training across the region. The Clinical Educators will be in post in April, covering all arms of the ODN.</p>	
9	<p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cath Doherty to share My Planned Care information, once finalised. 2. Jo McBride to share information about the working groups (ENT T&A initial one) 	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Friday 10th June 2022 10am – 12 noon</p>	

APPENDIX 1

Attendees

Network

Jo McBride, Network Director, NW PCC/SIC ODN's
 Su De, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
 Cath Doherty, o Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
 Jo Birkmyre Project Support Officer NW Paediatric Networks

NW ODN Partnership Board

Adam Hebden, Associate Director of Strategy, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
 Abby Prendergast, Associate Director of Strategy, Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Adrian Hughes, Alder Hey Children's Hospital
 Ben Lakin, Alder Hey Children's Hospital
 Jenny Dalzell, Alder Hey Children's Hospital
 Neil Herbert, Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Rachael Barber, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
 Yinni Loo, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Cheshire and Mersey

Andrea Davies, Warrington and Hatton Teaching Hospital NHS FT
 Jill Tomlinson, Warrington and Hatton Teaching Hospital NHS FT
 Susan Thong, St Helens & Knowsley Trust, Whiston Hospital
 Anne McGlade, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Trust
 Emma Smith, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Trust

Lancs & South Cumbria

Laura Norton, Morecambe Bay NHS FT
 Fran Campion, Morecambe Bay NHS FT
 Clare Stafford, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
 Jennifer Binnington, ELTH

Greater Manchester

Dan Smith, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS FT
 Megan Dalton-Scott, Salford Royal NHS FT

Simone Gorman, Northern Care Alliance NHS FT

SCN/NHS England/Commissioning/Other

Craig Brothwood, NHS England

Judith Shorrock, NHS England

Apologies:

Liam Harrison

Rachel Smith

Lucy Allton