

North West Paediatric Critical Care Oversight Group

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1. Introduction

The Paediatric Critical Care, Surgery in Children, Long term Ventilation Operational Delivery Network (PCC SiC LTV ODN) was established in 2021 following the PCC and SiC National Review. An Operational Delivery Network (ODN) brings together different parties (clinicians, providers, commissioners, patients) together to realise change across complex systems of care to improve care quality and outcomes.

The ODN has three main functions:

- Increasing operational effectiveness and consistency
- Improving care
- Managing patient flows.

2. Vision of the North West Paediatric Critical Care Oversight Group

The vision is that the care of children requiring paediatric critical care in the North West of England, North Wales and the Isle of Man will act as a system so that all children within the geographical ODN footprint will receive high quality, equitable care, and good outcomes which ever part of the geographical footprint they are from. PCC will be provided as close to the child's place as safely as possible.

3. Context

The PCC ODN works within the same geographic footprint as the North West Neonatal, Surgery in Children, Long Term Ventilation and Children's Major Trauma networks. In addition, it shares footprints with the Lancashire and South Cumbria, Greater Manchester and Cheshire and Mersey Adult Critical Care and Major Trauma Networks.

Within the footprint there are 2 Tertiary Centres and 25 hospitals providing paediatric care. Level 2 and 3 care is commissioned by NHSE North West Specialised Commissioning at the tertiary centres Alder and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

The ODN is hosted jointly by Royal Manchester Children's (RMCH) Hospital and Alder Hey with finance and human resources support being provided by RMCH.

4. Purpose

The purpose of the group is that each unit/member will work with neighbouring units and across the North West to implement the recommendations and objectives (as they relate to paediatric critical care) within the National Paediatric Critical Review.

The Group will work within the North West Footprint to support the management of capacity and demand for paediatric critical care. The group will forward plan for surges in demand for PCC in children – working with other networks in a collaboratively when appropriate.

The group will strive to improve the quality of care in the North West including improving the child and their families experience.

Important workstreams will include monitoring standards and facilitating peer reviews of units which provide paediatric critical care in secondary and tertiary care.

4. Objectives

The objectives of the North West Paediatric Critical Care Oversight Group are

- i. To support the work programme of the North West Paediatric Critical Care, Surgery in Children Long Term Ventilation Network ODN Board.
- ii. For each Paediatric provider to have strong clinical, nursing, and managerial leadership on paediatric critical care with the authority to implement local and national policy.
- iii. To ensure the group achieves local and national priorities for PCC.
- iv. To ensure surges in demand are planned (anticipated and unanticipated) for peak periods in advance and mutual aid agreements made before surge to ensure demands for PCC are met.
- v. To ensure strong clinical and child and families engagement providing expert advice to ensure work plans are achievable.
- vi. To understand fully each unit PCC capacity, demand and patient flow.
- vii. To ensure work of the group is based on strong data and evidence.
- viii. To ensure there is full understanding of pathways within the group including children's experience of the pathway.
- ix. To support the workforce plan within the ODN.
- x. To ensure consistent high-quality practice across the ODN and a have a culture of continuous quality improvement.

5. Reporting Arrangements and Key Relationships

The North West Paediatric Critical Care Oversight Group reports to the NW PCC SiC LTV Board.

Key relationships with other groups include:

- North West locality Operational Steering Group (Cheshire and Mersey, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, and South Cumbria)
- North West Paediatric Surgery in Children Long Term Ventilation Oversight Group.
- North West Major Trauma ODN
- North West Neonatal ODN
- North West Adult Critical Care ODNs
- National Paediatric Critical Care ODN

6. Membership and Chair of the Group

The chair of the Group is the Network Director/Lead Nurse for the PCC SiC LTV ODN.

The chair works closely with the PCC Clinical Leads and ODN lead nurse in agreeing the agenda for each meeting.

Membership of the Group includes:

- Network Director/Clinical Lead
- Nurse Leads/Data Analyst
- Tertiary Centres Alder Hey and RMCH
- GM Provider Organisations
- C&M Provider Organisations
- L&SC Provider Organisations
- North Wales and Isle of Man Provider Organisations
- NWTs
- ICS Leaders
- Commissioners

7. Meeting arrangements

Meetings will be 4 times per year.

Minutes will be completed in draft form and circulated within 14 working days.

Each meeting will have agreed actions with nominated leads which will be reported on at the following meeting.

Members will be expected to fully participate in meetings, respect others always carry out agreed actions at meeting. Attendance at 75% of meetings.

Administrative support will be provided by the ODN

8. Documents for Reference

Paediatric critical care and surgery in children review. Summary report (November 2019)

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/paediatric-critical-care-and-surgery-in-children-review-summary-report-nov-2019.pdf>

NHS England National Service Specifications for Operational Delivery Networks (2013)

- High Dependency <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/01/eo7-sb-paed-hig-dep-care.pdf>
- Level 3 PCC care <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/01/e07-sa-paed-inten-care.pdf>

9. Governance Structure NW PCC SiC LTV ODN

