



**North West LTV Nursing Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 1.30pm via Teams**

**Welcome and Attendance**

In attendance: Emma Anderton, Katie Farrow, Abby Henson, Anna Hughes, Jenny Dodds, Kimberley Korab, Lisa Wilby, Meg Ruecroft, Elaine O'Brien, Sally Owen, Stuart Wilkinson, Anna Oddy, Soraya Begum, Louise King

Meg Ruecroft opened the meeting and welcomed members.

**Updates from Group**

Katie Farrow provided the following update:

- Seeing issues with masks and filters (issues with any masks that aren't Dreamwear)
- The labelling needs to be sorted out, and this may not be until October
- For existing patients, it is possible to replace parts of their mask rather than give them a new mask
- Cough Assist also effected, but this should be short term

Elaine O'Brien gave the following ODN update:

- Meeting held recently, went well
- Feedback from equipment meetings
- A potential solution for equipment issues is an emergency equipment library based at one of the tertiary centres
- Date for education scoping meeting to be circulated soon. The aim of the meeting is to look at what is the current situation, where are the gaps, what is needed.
- Elaine is working with the NWTS team to provide LTV training to DGH colleagues
- Elaine is also working with Derion House re training
- Continuing to link in nationally to see what work is going on

Meg Ruecroft provided the following Alder Hey update:

- In the process of receiving new A40 pros
- Setting up clinics at present to get patients set up on them
- Will go to most vulnerable patients first
- Katie Farrow noted that at the next meeting she will go through the differences between the A40 and the A40 pro
- Continuing with the EVO swap outs
- Training needed for community teams
- Patients will need their wheelchairs to be changed due to compatibility
- Delays with bacterial filters

Following the meeting Meg Ruecroft circulated the following document:



Bacterial filter  
alternatives May 202

'Attached is a document detailing other providers of bacterial filters that are compatible with non-invasive ventilators. The main thing to ensure is that they are low resistance, because otherwise this can affect the effectiveness of the alarms on the machines. I have spoken to all suppliers and they all have very good stock levels.'

Anna Hughes provided the following RMCH update:

- Changed out almost all of the Dream Stations now
- Will update community teams
- Spoke with Dom from Breas re issues with circuits; there is a 6 week delay on them
- Anna asked the group to send her any PO numbers for delayed orders. Anna will collate these and send to Dom. Dom has agreed to chase them and provide dates for when they can be expected to be received.
- Anna Oddy queried whether we need to update families asking them to change the circuits only every 2 weeks. Anna Hughes explained that this will depend on how much stock you have and if your orders are being fulfilled.

### **Nebulisers**

Anna Oddy explained that individual funding requests (IFR) have to be done for Aerogen. So far, all the requests have been approved, except a request for a back-up Aerogen.

Anna Hughes suggested that an Aerogen nebuliser could be part of a regional emergency equipment library.

Kimberley Korab noted that commissioners need clarity on the clinical need for the Aerogen. It has been approved so far for the IV patients, but not the NIV patients.

Anna Hughes stated that she will share a helpful paper that she puts with her IFRs for the Aerogen, which shows the effectiveness.

It was highlighted that we need to know if adult services will support the use of the Aerogen, so if patients get established on it, they can continue using it when they transition to adult services.

Elaine O'Brien noted that the Aerogen can be a consideration for the start up pack and also transition.

Saturation monitors is another consideration for transition.

### **Next Meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 9.30am via Teams