



Minutes
North West Surgery in Children ODN Oversight Group Meeting
Friday 8th December 2023 10am – 12 noon via MS Teams

1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Joanna McBride, Network Director for North West PCC SiC LTV ODN's 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>Minutes agreed.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Holden, NW GIRFT Team will link in with Su De, ODN Co Clinical Lead to discuss work already completed on scoping ENT services across the region. – In progress – Donna Dodd GIRFT Implementation Manager for Cheshire and Mersey, added that she would chase this action with colleagues and report back at next meeting, adding that there had been a recent restructuring in the GIRFT team. 2. Helen Blakesley asked if Trusts can contact the ODN if they are participating in the Further Faster pilot. – No confirmation from Trusts received by ODN – further action for attendees to investigate if their Trusts are participating. Donna Dodds GIRFT Implementation Manager for Cheshire and Mersey, informed the group that 2 Trusts are taking part in C&M, 3 or 4 in GM and 2 in L&SC. Donna shared the link to the GIRFT Further Faster page in the meeting chat, FutureNHS Collaboration Platform - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform, adding that she would share the handbooks for Further Faster, including what elements relate to paediatrics. - 	JM
3.	<p>Update from National, Regional and ODN</p> <p>National Update</p>  <p>1 National Update.pptx</p> <p>Joanna McBride gave a national update including the following headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSV has spiked 3 weeks earlier than expected but does has now plateaued with numbers reducing. Winter planning to include predicted increases in measles/ Strep A/COVID. Plans should include elective recovery and virtual wards. • The new RCPCH RTI guidance has been released, which Joanna McBride confirmed will be shared with the minutes from this meeting. • Joanna McBride informed the group of the increase nationally in the number of elective cancellations, which may be linked to ICU admissions and therefore capacity. Chloe Lee, Associate Chief Operating Officer for Surgery at Alder Hey commented that they have seen an increase in elective cancellations, related to PICU capacity, but also pressure from medical specialities, in particular oncology. 	JM/HB

- The Service Specification from specialist surgery in children is underway.
- The National PEWS are being rolled out following an initial delay due to Martha's rule.
- The National Consensus Torsion Pathway is expected to be released in February 2024.
- Su De, Co Clinical Lead for the NW SiC ODN updated that the delegation of ICB services in the North West will happen in 2024 – 2025, instead of 2025 - 2026.

Regional and ODN update:



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- There are currently 122.2k open pathways (90% non-admitted pathways), 11.6% of these are in the North West. Locality percentages are 35% CM, 48% GM and 17% LSC. The waiting list in the North West has been reduced by 2.6k when comparing September to November figures, performing better when compared to national trends. The longest waiting lists are ENT and Dental, however improvements look likely due to dental hubs and ENT mutual aid.
- Joanna McBride shared the Radar data, taken from the 19th November 2023, showing pathways by clinical priority and weeks waiting. Krishna Devarakonda enquired how these numbers compared to pre covid numbers regionally. Su De clarified that the data from Radar only shows waiting lists and not activity. Activity can be pulled from another system, however, would need a Data Analyst to look at this. Su also touched on other factors which may affect activity, such as industrial action. Su added that the ODN will add an action to present data comparisons by speciality at the next meeting.

ODN Update



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- Joanna McBride Introduced new ODN team members.
 - Fran Campion, Lead Nurse for NW Surgery in Children
 - Anna Parry, ODN Educator, NW PCC SiC LTV ODN

Fran has linked with ODN Lead Nursing staff nationally. Anna, who works across all 3 arms of the ODN (PCC SiC & LTV), has been making progress with scoping exercises across the region. There are also plans to expand the education team, with Band 6 staff to work alongside Anna.
- SDF (Service Development Fund) Level 2
Joanna McBride informed the group that the money would be made available to fund training, education, and some equipment, which although not directly surgery, is interlinked.
- Parent Public Voice
The ODN have shared the PPV poster to all units for display in patient areas, Joanna asked if there were any areas where the posters haven't yet been displayed, could this be actioned.




PPV Poster - 02 11 2023.pdf

Working Groups

Abdominal Pain Pathway

	<p>Joanna McBride informed the meeting that the pathway was now ratified and therefore the task and finish group was complete.</p> <p>TOF/OA Working Group The working group are working collaboratively, with honorary contracts in progress to allow cross site working for members from both tertiary centres.</p> <p>Preoperative preassessment Working Group The CYP Pre-operative Assessment Virtual Event was held recently, with the focus on adopting the guideline developed by Amy Norrington from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The attendees of the meeting approved the adoption of the guideline, which the ODN will progress. The South West and Thames Valley Paediatric Pre-Operative Assessment course was also highlighted, which will be adopted and rolled out to the region in the coming months.</p> <p>Clubfoot Network An initial meeting was held looking at the development of a regional pathway, which will be progressed over the coming months. Naomi Davis, Clinical Lead for the North West Children’s Major Trauma ODN, will lead on this workstream along with Helen Blakesley (NW PCC SiC LTV & MT ODN).</p> <p>Guidelines Acute Abdomen Guideline The NWTS Guideline for the Management of Suspected Acute Abdomen in 16 years and under, is due to go to MFT for ratification in January 2024.</p> <p>Guidelines for the Insertion of Paediatric Intraosseous Needle The NWTS Insertion of Paediatric Intraosseous Needle Guideline has now been ratified and will be shared for use in organisations across the region.</p> <p>The L3 Child Outside PICU (DGH), Upper Airway Obstruction and VTE Guidelines are all progressing towards ratification.</p>	
4.	<p>Updates from Region - Activity, Recovery and Exception Reporting Mersey & West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Salka reported they had recently utilised the CPI (crisis prevention intervention) training in a resus situation. Sarah, who is one of the CPI instructors who works on the ward was able to deescalate a situation with a young patient very quickly, alongside a colleague (also a CPI instructor) and the child’s father. The incident occurred following Lanoxin being administered, even though blood work showed no drugs in system. The CPI instructor training was funded by NHSE in October 2022, and Sarah added that within her unit there are only 12 members of staff of 150 who are yet to receive CPI training. The training has been offered to A&E staff, ward staff and community staff. Sarah Jackson commented that all Trusts in Cheshire and Mersey have CPI instructors, other than Alder Hey, as they have their own training, although it was noted that not all Trusts have managed to cascade this training. Su De commented that the ODN could potentially look at training levels across the region. <p>Nobles Hospital, IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neel Umapathy informed the group that discussions are taking place to formalise in a policy, the case-by-case support that is currently provided to Nobles by Alder Hey Children’s NHS FT and NWTS. Neel also enquired if there was any guidance on EPALS or APLS for surgeons, no one in the meeting was aware of any guidance for surgeons, only anaesthetists. <p>Stockport Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea Davies informed the group that Warrington had recruited a new ophthalmology consultant, who will start with the Trust in March 2024, in the interim period there is a visiting consultant from Alder Hey who will continue with lists in Warrington. - Dental lists are now being done on Saturdays, which is helping to reduce the waiting list. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENT has 101 waiting, although still managing to achieve a 6-8 week wait. Other surgery, dental, ophthalmology and orthopaedics are all between 6 – 20 weeks waiting. - Rachel Stoeter commented that there is not a pre-operative assessment service for paediatrics, and enquired if anyone was aware of any apps used for preop assessment. Fran Campion advised the South West Preop course recommended an app called Little Journey, which is a patient supporting app. Su De also commented that the ODN are aware of another app, Remcare, which enables clinicians to collect data remotely. Home (remcare.co.uk) 	
5.	<p>Conflict Management Champions Presentation, Stephen Playfor</p>  <p>Conflict Management Cham</p> <p>For access to training and resources, link to webpage: Recognising and managing conflict between children’s families and healthcare providers - elearning for healthcare (e-lfh.org.uk)</p>	SP
6.	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>NHSE Case for Change Update Joanna McBride updated that the NHSE Case for Change, including Surgery in Children was progressing, currently looking at surgery data by location, volume and procedure to investigate which procedures do not need to take place in tertiary centres. Once data has been collated, task and finish groups will be established, which the ODN will send communication about when representation is required.</p> <p>Sharing Good Practice If any other units would like to showcase good practice in their unit, please could they contact the ODN via joanne.birkmyre@mft.nhs.uk .</p> <p>Group discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daycase Data Query Annette Cooper, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS FT enquired if the ODN could provide support on improving data collection, such as nursing structures and training packages, as this was a focus at Wirral. Su De offered to share the walk in walk out nursing competencies and requirements, Joanna McBride added that the ODN will enquire if any other ODN’s provide any training packages or have any other information. - IOM Surgery Admissions Neel Umapathy, Nobles IOM, asked for opinion on admission, either elective or emergency. In the Isle of Man a patient is admitted under paediatrics, with surgery secondary. Su De confirmed that every child undergoing surgery should have a paediatrician. - Rachel Smith, Royal Bolton NHS Trust commented on the newly refurbished daycase unit at Bolton, adding that the trust has no funding to staff the unit. Rachel asked if anyone was aware of any GM funding that could be applied for? Jim Bruce suggested submitting a business case, with a detailed impact statement demonstrating the negative result if the unit were not able to open due to staffing. 	
7.	<p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donna Dodd GIRFT Implementation Manager for Cheshire and Mersey, to update at next meeting on scoping of ENT services across the region. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Attendees to investigate if their Trusts are participating in the Faster First pilot. 3. Donna Dodds to provide ODN with Further Faster handbooks with ODN for forward sharing. – Complete 4. ODN will present data comparisons by speciality at the next meeting. 5. Su De to share WIWO nursing competencies and requirements with Annette Cooper. 	
8.	Date of Next Meeting 8 th March 2024	

APPENDIX 1

Attendees

Network

Joanna McBride, Network Director, NW PCC SiC LTV ODN
Helen Blakesley, Network Manager, NW PCC SiC LTV MT ODN
Su De, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
Fran Campion, Lead Nurse, NW Surgery in Children ODN
Lucy Allton, Lead Nurse, NW PCC ODN
Anna Parry, Nurse Educator, NW PIC SIC & LTV ODN

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital NHS FT

Prof Stephen Playfor, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital NHS FT

Alder Hey Children's NHS FT

Abby Prendergast, Associate Director of Strategy & Partnerships, Alder Hey Children's NHS FT
Chloe Lee, Associate Chief Operating Officer for Surgery, Alder Hey Children's NHS FT
Sarah Almond, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS FT

Cheshire and Mersey

Andrea Davies, Deputy Ward Manager/Team Leader, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospital
Shannon Osbaldeston, CBU Assistant Manager, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospital
Sarah Jackson, Paediatric Nurse Consultant, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospital
Eriola Mushi Surgeon, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS FT
Neel Umapathy, ENT Surgeon/Lead for Children's Surgery, Noble's Hospital
Sadha Punniyakodi, Consultant Paediatrician/Clinical Lead for Paediatrics, Noble's Hospital
Sarah Salka, Paediatric Clinical Educator, Ormskirk Hospital, Mersey & West Lancashire TH)
Karen Flewitt, Children's Unit Manager, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Victoria Hills, Matron, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Annette Cooper, Consultant Anaesthetist/Lead – Anaesthesia Wirral University NHS Foundation Trust

Lancs & South Cumbria

Angela Mason, ED Clinical Lead, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Sanjay Panchal, Consultant, Morecambe Bay NHS FT - Furness General
Krishna Devarakonda, Consultant Lead Paediatric Anaesthetist, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (Preston)
Ileana Anderco, ENT Consultant, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Lorraine Sanderson, Paediatric Day Case/Outpatient Sister, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Mark Children, Consultant Anaesthetist, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Stephanie Bowler, Consultant Anaesthetist/Lead - Paediatric Anaesthesia, East Lancs Hospitals NHS Trust

Greater Manchester

Sarah Ashworth - Paediatric Ambulatory Care Manager, Royal Oldham Hospital, NCA Trust
Ann Carey, Matron, Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh Trust - Royal Albert Edward
Simone Gorman, Assistant Director of Nursing, Women & Children's Division, NCA FT
Rachel Smith, Consultant Anaesthetist and Paediatric Lead, Royal Bolton NHS Trust
Rachel Stoeter, Consultant Anaesthetist, Stockport NHS FT

NHS England/Commissioning/Other

Jim Bruce, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Clinical Network - GM, NHSE

Kate Parkins, Consultant, NPTS

Donna Dodd, Implementation Manager (Cheshire and Merseyside), GIRFT, NHS England

Apologies:

Ameeta Joshi, Paediatric Surgical Lead, Morecambe Bay Trust - Royal Lancaster Hospital

Andrea Myerscough, Director of Operations, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

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Cath Doherty, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN

Clare Peckham, Clinical Director for CYP, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS FT

Stuart Hemingway – Nobles Hospital

Georgios Fragkiadakis, Surgical Lead Paediatrics, Morecambe Bay Trust

Ian Clegg, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN

Janice Fauset-Jones, Lead Nurse Long Term Ventilation, Operational Delivery Network

Jill Tomlinson, Warrington and Halton TH NHS FT

Matthew Toner, Theatre Manager, Royal Bolton NHS Trust

Michael Marsden, Surgeon, Stockport NHS FT

Rachael Barber, Medical Director, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Rebecca Cullen, Divisional Director for Women and Children, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

Stephen Dickson, Chief Executive, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital