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

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| 1. | <p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Helen Blakesley, Network Manager welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for joining.</p> <p>For attendance and apologies, please see appendix 1.</p> | HB |
| 2. | <p>Review of previous minutes and actions – June 2023</p>  <p>Notes North West Surgery in Children</p> <p>Minutes agreed.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ODN to carry out regional mapping of additional/weekend lists, to highlight the results on waiting lists – Joanna McBride/ODN - Complete | HB |
| 3. | <p>Update from National, Regional and ODN</p> <p>National Update</p>  <p>National Update.pptx</p> <p>Helen Blakesley, Network Manager</p> <p>National Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter planning to include predicted increases in measles / Strep A / COVID. Plans should include elective recovery and virtual wards. • Nationally there has been an increase in type 1 & 2 diabetes in children. • Increase nationally in the number of child excess weight clinics. • Elective recovery to include paediatric perioperative care.  <p>Regional & ODN Update.pptx</p> <p>Regional and ODN update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total pathways by clinical priority and total pathways by weeks waiting. • New ODN team members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fran Champion, Lead Nurse for NW Surgery in Children ○ Anna Parry, ODN Educator • Parent Public Voice • Working Groups <p>Abdominal Pain Pathway</p> <p>Ian Clegg gave a brief update on the Abdominal Pain Pathway, which was circulated for final comments at the start of August with a deadline of the end of August. No comments were received, however Ian asked that anyone who would</p> | HB |

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| | <p>still like to review/comment can get in touch, either at lan.Clegg@elht.nhs.uk or joanne.birkmyre@mft.nhs.uk . If there are no further comments the ODN will progress with finalising and ratifying in the next few weeks. Ian also thanked all that contributed to the pathway and attended meetings to progress the pathway. There is also a NWTs pathway for an acutely unwell child, which the ODN can also provide for comments, if requested.</p> <p>TOF/OA Working Group</p> <p>Cath Doherty updated that there had been 2 successful meetings so far between the 2 tertiary centres and a joint database had been created, the next meeting is scheduled for the 8th November 2023.</p> <p>Preoperative preassessment Working Group</p> <p>The Greater Manchester CYP Elective Recovery Group, of which Cath Doherty is the Anaesthetic Lead, with support from the NW NHS England Improvement team to look at preassessment for children outside of the tertiary centres. To ensure this has a regional approach and not just GM, the ODN initiated the first meeting, which was held last week and was well attended. Actions from the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ benchmarking what is being done in the region ○ survey healthcare providers ○ survey parents and carers <p>The options will then be evaluated, one of which will be the SW & Wessex model,. A second meeting is scheduled, if anyone would like to join the working group, they can email joanne.birkmyre@mft.nhs.uk.</p> <p>Clubfoot Working Group</p> <p>Initial discussions have taken place to look at the development of a regional pathway, which will be progressed over the coming months.</p> <p>Paediatric Forearm Fracture Working Group</p> <p>The initial meeting will be held on the 15th September 2023, if anyone would like to join the working group, they can email joanne.birkmyre@mft.nhs.uk.</p> <p>Femoral fracture Working Group</p> <p>The North West Children’s Major Trauma ODN will be looking at current pathways regionally and initiating work to develop a regional pathway, working closely with the NW Surgery in Children ODN.</p> <p>Guidelines</p> <p>Adenotonsillectomy Pathway/Best Practice Guidance</p> <p>Helen Blakesley updated that the Adenotonsillectomy Pathway/Best Practice Guidance has now been ratified and circulated. Helen also added that NWTs are in the final stages of developing guidelines for The Insertion of Paediatric Intraosseous Needle and VTE, which they hope to share regionally to support units.</p> <p>ODN Educator</p> <p>Anna Parry is the new Nurse Educator for the North West PCC SiC LTV ODN. Anna will be supporting the educational strategy, you can contact Anna via email, anna.parry2@mft.nhs.uk</p> | |
| 4. | <p>ENT Questionnaire Feedback</p> <p> ENT Feedback .pptx</p> <p>Helen Blakesley reported on the results collated from the ENT questionnaire, which was circulated to the region regarding additional theatre lists. Cath Doherty noted that it is worth investigating parity of pay as many staff, who want additional hours will do those hours for the bank as they receive higher rates of pay.</p> | HB |

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| | <p>Sudipta Banerjee, Lancashire Teaching Hospital, runs a theatre list on a Sunday, which is always easy to staff and runs very efficiently, partly due to enhanced pay. Sudipta added that Trusts who utilise equipment and theatres on weekends, also those who are flexible and pay more will recover more quickly.</p> <p>Rishi Diwan, discussed that we need to look at standards, agreeing a minimum number of patients on lists. Cath commented that this may be difficult due to the variables, making it hard to come to a number which is reasonable and does not add pressure, making staff disengage. The group agreed that a sensible minimal number should be agreed, obviously additional patents can be added but there should be a minimum aim, which should come with an offer to help units achieve this.</p> <p>Rachel Stoeter (Stockport) added surgical technique vary massively, in Stockport not many people do intracapsular tonsillectomies which impacts on numbers of patients on the list. Cath Doherty suggested a working group of ENT surgeons to help progress all sites to intracapsular techniques surgically, adding that some work has already started in GM. John Holden, NW GIRFT Team commented that a starting point to look at numbers per session would be a horizon scan nationally to review national activity, and determine if in the upper quartile performance, and if not look at possible reasons for this and where required request support from the national clinical leads to understand how to move forward. John also added that staff satisfaction surveys had shown that staff working in surgical hubs report a high level of satisfaction.</p> <p>Helen Blakesley will discuss with Su De, ODN Co Clinical Lead to evaluate what work has already been started in the region.</p> | |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>NHSE Case for Change Update</p> <p>Phil Rigby, Specialised Commissioning gave an update on the NHS Transformation Programme, including the 4 workstreams including Surgery in Children as well as CYP Cancer, Paediatric Critical Care and Neonatal Critical Care. The Case for Change was agreed earlier this year through the first gateway of the NHS change process. The work is now progressing to Gateway 2, with the focus on engagement, including engagement with the ODN's, clinicians, parents and families and political engagement through the scrutiny committees.</p> <p>Phil informed the group that his team had been in talks with the various ICB's in the North West, around working collectively as a scrutiny committee, rather than having to approach all authorities in the North West. The Lucy Letby case has impacted on progress, with a slowing from the communication team, to evaluate the most sensitive approach to the work. However, this pause has been utilised to progress background work such as assembling task and finish groups, evaluating governance, and look at engagement methodology. The product at the end of this stage will be a set of options for the formal consultation process.</p> <p>Phil also informed the group that Specialised Commissioning is in the process of being delegated to the ICB's, in terms of commissioning responsibility. Services will be split 3 ways, one will be totally delegated to the ICB's, with NHSE just having an overview. Some services will be a hybrid model, joint with Specialised Commissioners and the ICB Leads, and some services will remain under NHSE's control and responsibility completely. These changes were due in 2024, however have been delayed to 2025 due to the complexity of some of the services and readiness of some ICB's.</p> | <p>PR</p> |

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| | <p>A Joint Commissioning Committee between NHSE and the 3 ICB's in the North West has been established, the Women's and Children's Transformation Programme will become a subcommittee of this group, meaning the ICB's are taking ownership of the programme alongside NHSE. There is also a new Leadership Committee for Paediatric Services with links with Lancs & South Cumbria, which Phil Rigby and Andrea Doherty will sit on; this should improve communication and collaborative working in the region.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Updates from Region - Activity, Recovery and Exception Reporting</p> <p>L&SC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Clegg informed the group of a meeting that took place on the 7th September, arranged by Vicky Webster, covering the priorities and concerns in paediatric medicine and surgery across the Lancs & South Cumbria region. <p>C&M</p> <p>Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea Davies informed the group that in Warrington, the ENT waiting list was down to 6 - 8 weeks. - There are staff shortages currently in ophthalmology, as a result some work has been sent to Alder Hey. <p>GM</p> <p>Cath Doherty updated on the GM meetings that have taken place recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CYP Pillar Group meeting took place last week. The group is made up of 5 subspeciality clinical groups; ENT, Paediatric Surgery, Urology, T&O and Anaesthetics, with each group having a clinical lead who will be progressing pathway development, looking at waiting lists across GM for their specialities working with Operational Managers. - The C&YP Summit, held in July, with representation from all Trusts, operational and clinical. Subjects covered in the meeting were: pathways, waiting lists, models of working. Cath added that it became apparent from the meeting that representation is necessary from the surgery directorate as well as the women and children's directorate from each Trust. | All |
| 7. | <p>Any other Business</p> <p>Patient and Public Voice</p> <p>The ODN will be sharing a patient and public voice poster if these could be displayed in patient areas to invite representatives to the ODN Oversight Boards.</p> | |
| 8. | <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. 2. Helen Blakesley asked if Trusts can contact the ODN if they are participating in the Faster First pilot. | |
| 9. | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>8th December 2023</p> | |

APPENDIX 1

Attendees

Network

Helen Blakesley, Network Manager, NW PCC SiC LTV MT ODN
Ian Clegg, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN

Cath Doherty, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
Anna Parry, Nurse Educator, NW PIC SIC & LTV ODN

Alder Hey Children's NHS FT

Rishi Diwan, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist & Pain Lead (Acute), , Alder Hey Children's NHS FT

Cheshire and Mersey

Andrea Davies, Deputy Ward Manager/Team Leader, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospital
Maysara Aziz, Clinical Director, St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
Sadha Punniyakodi, Consultant Paediatrician and Clinical Lead for Paediatrics, Noble's Hospital
Sujala Kalipershad, Colorectal and General Surgeon, Noble's Hospital
Karen Flewitt, Children's Unit Manager, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Denise Tokely-McNicholas - Divisional Director for W&C at Leighton Hospital
Llinos Davies, Ward Manager, Besti Cadwaladr University Health Board

Lancs & South Cumbria

Leanne Ratcliffe, Children's Day Case Manager, East Lancashire Teaching Hospital
Victoria Hampson, Divisional General Manager, East Lancashire Teaching Hospital
Elaine McNally, Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Morecambe Bay NHS FT
Claire Swallow, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Georgios Fragkiadakis, Surgical Lead – Paediatrics, Morecambe Bay NHS FT
Isabel Spencer, Child Health Matron, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Paul Hans, Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Sudipta Banerjee, ENT Surgeon, Lancashire Teaching Hospital

Greater Manchester

Sarah Ashworth - Paediatric Ambulatory Care Manager, Royal Oldham Hospital, NCA Trust
Jayne Simpson, Ward Manager, Royal Bolton Hospital
Rachel Stoeter, Consultant Anaesthetist, Stockport NHS FT
Matthew Boken, Clinical Practice Lead anaesthetics, Stockport Foundation Trust

NHS England/Commissioning/Other

Phil Rigby, Specialised Commissioning, NHSE
John Holden, NW Regional Improvement Hub GIRFT Lead, NHSE & NHS Improvement – North West

Apologies:

Joanna McBride, Network Director, NW PCC SiC LTV ODN
Cath Doherty, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
Su De, Co Clinical Lead, NW Surgery in Children ODN
Alfie Bass, Chief Medical Officer, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust
Mandy Foster, Senior Implementation Manager, Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT), NHS England
Clare Corcoran, Ward Manager, St Helens & Knowsley Trust
Jill Tomlinson, Matron - Child Health, Warrington Hospital
Michael Marsden, Surgeon, Stockport NHS FT – Stepping Hill
Susan Moss, Consultant Anaesthetist/Clinical Director for Anaesthetics, Royal Bolton Hospital
Matthew Toner, Theatre Manager, Royal Bolton Hospital
Paula Garlick, Matron for Children's Services, Tameside Hospital
Phil Nee, Assistant Director of Operations, St Helen's & Knowsley
Rebecca Cullen, Acting Divisional Director for Women and Children, Lancashire TH NHS FT
Alfie Bass, Chief Medical Officer, Alder Hey Children's NHS FT
Melanie Fry, Matron Paeds and Neonates, Leighton Hospital
Carrie Bowen, Practice Development Nurse (Paeds), Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board