

Network NEWS



Working Together to Provide High Standards of Care for Children and Young People across the North West

January 2025

A Warm Welcome

We are excited to share the very first edition of your Network Newsletter! We want to use this to share successes, identify learning opportunities and signpost you to wider network resources. We're keen to shine a spotlight on the amazing work occurring within our region regarding **PCC**, **LTV** or **SiC**. If there is anything you would like to share please send your content to odneducation@mft.nhs.uk

About the North West ODN

The North West PCC, SiC and LTV Operational Delivery Network's aim is to work collaboratively with all local and tertiary trusts within the region; NWTs, specialist services, ICB's, CYP and their families to ensure high standards of care is achieved across the North West.



A message from our Network Director, Joanna McBride.

North West ODN Network Director
Paediatric Critical Care, Surgery in Children and Long Term Ventilation.

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Hello

I am a nurse & I have worked in both adult and paediatric fields in a variety of places for over 30 years throughout the UK. My career covers a range of experience within acute and critical care settings, including clinical, patient safety, Matron, Head of Nursing and Senior Leadership, adding to my portfolio leading to my current position of Network Director. I am passionate about healthcare and the challenges it brings and strive to ensure safety and equity for children, families and professionals involved in their care. I believe patient safety is pivotal to provide high quality care from competent and dedicated teams.

In my spare time (none!) I am a mum to two amazing children and enjoying walking my dog and love to travel!

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Meet the ODN Team

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North West ODN Director

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Thankyou for Reading

Please share this newsletter with any of your colleagues who would be interested in regular updates on the work of our Network. If this newsletter has been forwarded to you by someone else, you can subscribe to receive you own copy direct to you inbox by emailing odneducation@mft.nhs.uk.

Coming in 2025



Long Term Ventilation Study Days



After the hugely popular non invasive and invasive LTV study days in 2024, we will be running them again in 2025.

The days are a team collaboration between the LTV teams in both Alder hey & Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and the programme will include theory, practical and simulation sessions relevant to Long Term Ventilation.

Attendees will be expected to complete precourse work on moodle to ensure all attendees have a similar knowledge base.

Pre-Operative Assessment Course



The NW and West Midlands are collaborating again to deliver this free course. Based on the AGAPBI guidelines to enhance your knowledge to undertake a paediatric preoperative assessment. It consists of 3 virtual study days; self directed E-learning resource and a competency workbook. It will also give you a unique opportunity to network with other regions.

Please use this [link](#) to register expression of interest or QR code opposite



NWTS PCC Study Days



The ODN has a close working relationship with NWTS and we are delighted to continue to support the PCC education days. There will be three study days in 2025 - the introduction to PCC, the advanced PCC and a further specialist advanced PCC day (with a new theme). [link](#).

Working Groups

There are several meetings held throughout the year that may be valuable for those working within the NW region to attend. These include:

- PCC, LTV and SiC Oversight Meeting.
- LTV Education Working Group.
- LTV AHP/Nurse Working Group.
- NWTS PCC ODN Nurse and AHP subgroup [link](#)
- Femoral Fracture Working Group.
- Testicular Torsion Working Group.

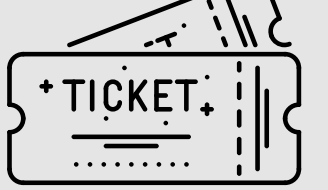
Email: odneducation@mft.nhs.uk for further information.

Regional Guidelines

We as an ODN work in collaboration with NWTS and regional working groups to create and ratify guidelines which are shared for use in the region. These are sent out to all Trusts in the North West for comments. If you receive guidelines for comments please can we ask that you share any draft guidelines for comment with relevant members of your MDT in your hospital. This will ensure that we receive comments regarding all elements of the pathway prior to final ratification.

We would like to thank you all for the continued support in reviewing the regional ODN guidelines, it is imperative that we have your input to ensure that the guidelines are able to be used across all settings in the region. All guidelines are available on the North West ODN and NWTS Website.

North West Conference



We are proud to announce are First Annual Network Conference

7th March 2025

Mercure Hotel St Helen

[Click Here](#)



You will also have an opportunity to share your achievement showcasing your poster at the event. Poster deadline 1st February.

Upcoming Events & Reminders



Femoral Fracture Study Day

18th March

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LTV Non Invasive Study Day

1st April & 16th September



LTV Invasive Study Day

12th June & 27th November



NWTS PCC Study Days

Introduction to PCC 8th May

Advanced PCC 18th June



Specialist Advanced PCC Day

11th September



Pre Assessment Course

Spring Course

20th April; 7th & 16th May



Pre Assessment Course

Autumn Course

10th; 17th & 26th September



ODN Education



A Little Update

We would like to start by saying a huge **thankyou** to all the educators within the region for your support last year and making us feel very welcome.

In 2024 the ODN Education team became four: **Anna, Jess, Kim and Cathy**. Since June we have provided 12 study days across the region. They have all been really well received and we hope to have many more face to face events in 2025.



Please use the QR code opposite or [this link](#) to make a request for education from the ODN education team. This will enable us to manage your requests in a timely manner and ensure we can provide you with the best service possible.

Care of a Critically ill CYP Outside PICU

After the success in 2024 we're taking requests for this one day inhouse course for 2025.

Aimed at **Adult ICU Staff**, it covers:

- Paediatric A-E Assessment
- Modes of Ventilation and Escalation
- Paediatric Drug & Infusion Calculations
- Family Centred Care and Communication
- Simulation

HAMILTON MEDICAL

The need for Hamilton training and resources has been highlighted across the region. We are currently working with Hamilton to make videos and quick guides for both the T1/C3 ventilators.

We are happy to support with inhouse Hamilton Training within your Trust.

Moodle E-Learning Platform

We have been busy in the background making resources for our ODN E-Learning Platform and website.

Coming in 2025 are; blood gases, tracheostomy plus many more learning modules.

Tracheostomy Training

 [Click here to see what SimBaby can do!](#)

Using our High Fidelity SimBaby we are delivering practical sessions. It covers:

- Basics of Tracheostomy Care
- Importance of Humidification
- Tracheostomy Practical Skills and Sims
- Emergency Algorithm

Bespoke Study Days

We will continue to deliver bespoke studies days to meet your needs. Some examples we delivered in 2024 were:

- **Duct Dependent Cardiac Lesions and Management.**
- **Escalation of Respiratory Support**



Educator Forum

During 2024 we have successfully set up regular forum meetings with the regional educators. We aim to meet every 8-10 weeks to share practice and offer a space for clinical supervision.

Our next meeting will be 31/01/2025