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Summer Edition

Welcome to the first newsletter for the newly formed East Midlands Neonatal Operational Delivery Network (EMNODN).



What is the EMNODN?

Following the West Midlands review, the recommendation was made that the West Midlands units of the Central Newborn Network were aligned with the West Midlands commissioning boundaries to become part of the South West Midlands Neonatal Network. As a result of this change, the East Midlands units of the Central Newborn Network, including Burton (who have now merged with Derby) have joined the Trent Perinatal Network units, to become an East Midlands Neonatal Operational Delivery Network (EMNODN). The Trent Perinatal Network and Central Newborn Networks have now ceased to exist. This is a very exciting time and will allow us to view the East Midlands as a whole; with improved collaboration across the region which will further improve care and will help us to keep our babies and families as close to home as possible.

East Midlands Review

Following the East Midlands review of neonatal services which concluded at the beginning of the year, an oversight group has been formed to address the issues which were identified as part of the review. The areas which are being closely examined by the group include staffing (nursing and medical), capacity, nurse education, transitional care, outreach services, term admissions, and admission rates and ward attenders.

Network Parent App

The EMNODN App for parents has now been released and is available on the app store and Google Play. Search for EMNODN or scan the QR code. This has been devised specifically for the use of all parents across the Network and gives information regarding all of the Network units, and also provides a vast amount of useful neonatal information. Please ensure that all parents are aware of the App and how to download it.



Outreach CQUIN

All units have now completed the audits to evaluate how many babies and families could potentially be cared for at home. The project has now moved onto the recruitment phase. Once staff have been recruited, then the pilot phase will begin, with babies being discharged home under the care of an outreach team. Data will be collected to demonstrate the need for the service and the number of cot days that can be saved in the units.

For more information please contact cara.hobby@nuh.nhs.uk or claire.inglis@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Family Integrated Care (FIC)

The Family Integrated Care Working Party have produced a whole range of parent information leaflets and competency documents which will enable parents to become more involved in their babies care and will ensure consistency across the Network. A series of awareness sessions are planned for all the Network units with an official launch in the autumn.

ATAIN (Avoiding Term Admissions into Neonatal Units)



All units are now auditing all of their team admissions to ascertain if they were avoidable or not. A Network ATAIN Working Group has been formed to work collaboratively on preventing avoidable term admissions into the Neonatal units. The group consists of the ATAIN leads for neonatal and maternity services from each trust. The first meeting was held at the end of June with a great deal of sharing of ideas and discussion about how to avoid admissions. Posters demonstrating the learning points from each meeting will be shared with all units.

Education Events

The Care Pathway for the Unborn Child, Neonate or Infant Diagnosed with potentially Life-limiting or Life-threatening Conditions was launched at an event in April 2018. The day was really well attended with some inspirational presentations. Evaluation for the day was excellent. The pathway is now available for use and can be found under guidelines section of the EMNODN [website](http://www.emnodn.nhs.uk).



Please contact the Judith Foxon if you require any further information on the pathway.

An ATAIN conference is planned for the 17 October 2018. The day will include information about the national project, presentation of the data, the national perspective and key performance indicators, along with poster presentations, workshops and sharing of learning. For further details, programme & to register visit; <https://atain.eventbrite.co.uk>

Plans are underway to run another preparation for nurse management day. Details will follow shortly

Nurse Staffing

Nurse staffing numbers are continually audited with all units inputting staffing in the BadgerNet data set. It is clear that there are continual issues across the Network, and indeed across the country, with reaching the national standards. Work is ongoing within the Network Lead Nurses Group to seek Network solutions to the issues.

The National Quality Board have now published their Safe, Sustainable, and Productive Staffing guidance for neonatal services which gives clear guidance on how a neonatal unit should be staffed and can be viewed [here](#).

Nurse Education

The Network Education and Practice Development Group (formerly the Education Forum) have now produced an outline course specification for a Network Qualified in Speciality (QIS) course. Talks are underway with Health Education East Midlands around the commissioning of the course.

Thank you and Goodbye!

Tony Dinning the Network Director has now retired and Alison Fowlie the Trent Perinatal Network Chair has now stood down. Thanks to both Tony and Alison for their contribution towards the running of the Network and our best wishes for the future.

Anna Duke the Matron for the Leicester Neonatal service has now left to become the Lead Nurse for Children's services, we wish her every success with her new job.

Grace Rogers the Ward Manager for the Northampton Neonatal service has now retired, we wish her a long and happy retirement. We extend a warm welcome to Michelle Hardwick who has now stepped into the Ward Manager role.

We wish you all a good summer break and the hope you get the chance to enjoy some of this very hot weather.

Forthcoming Meetings

Education & Practice Development Group	03/09/18	Glenfield Hospital
Parents Advisory Group (North Hub)	06/09/18	Nottingham City Hospital
Board	10/09/2018	The Kegworth Hotel
Mortality Steering Group (North Hub)	10/09/2018	King's Mill Hospital
Outreach CQUIN Stakeholder	19/09/18	Glenfield Hospital
Clinical Governance Group	26/09/18	The Kegworth Hotel
Clinical Forum	26/09/18	The Kegworth Hotel
ATAIN Working Group	02/10/18	London Road Community Hospital
Lead Nurses Group	09/10/18	Glenfield Hospital
Senior Nurses Forum	09/10/18	Glenfield Hospital

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