

Minutes of Pharmacy Group

Tuesday 13 June 2023
2:00pm – 3:30pm
via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Jane Gill (JG), Clinical Lead, EMNODN, South Hub (Chair)
Neha Shah (NS), Advanced Specialist Clinical Pharmacist, Woman and Children, ULHT
Harriet Hughes (HH), Advanced Pharmacist, Women's & Children's, Royal Derby Hospital
Joanna Hurcombe (JH), Advanced Pharmacist, Education & Training, Women's & Childrens, UHDB

In Attendance:

Linsay Hill (LSH), Office Manager, EMNODN (Minutes)

	Subject	Attachment	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence Sarah Pilling (NGH), Demisha Vaghela (KGH), Julie Vanes (QHB)		
2.	Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest None		
3.	Minutes from the Previous Meeting The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings.	A	
4.	Matters Arising HH asked around PN as RDH Aseptic services may be pulled for a short time. If anyone has any policies. NS can share their guideline.		NS
5.	GIRFT Report and Actions Pharmacy actions within the GIRFT action log and were discussed previously. They are: Action 12b - Increase the use of ready-to-use standardised concentrations of drugs and infusions, prepared in pharmacy aseptic services or by external suppliers, and reduce local drug preparation in neonatal units. Action 12c - Adjust, where applicable, trust or network-developed drug calculators to ensure they are updated against MHRA advice and can be used across networks. Existing drug calculators should not be removed until a safer sustainable alternative is in place.		

	<p>Action 12d – Ensure standardised parenteral nutrition (PN) bags are available for both initial and maintenance PN in all NICUs and LNUs and consider network-wide standardisation (see also our recommendations about procurement). PN bags should comply with national nutritional recommendations for neonates as well as safety standards, including mechanisms to avoid accidental lipid over-infusion.</p> <p>Action 12f - Enabling staff in all units to regularly practise preparing drugs and infusions commonly used in neonatal intensive care.</p> <p>Action 12h - Implement smart pump technology in conjunction with advice and recommendations found in HSIB smart pump report⁹⁴ and audit the impact on medication errors in neonates.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Network Pharmacist Update</p> <p>Were previously hopeful that the Network might be able to fund a Network Pharmacist post from the underspend, however at this time unfortunately doesn't look likely. Will continue conversations with commissioning about the possibility of funding this in future.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>Monograph - Prostin</p> <p>The first Network monograph is Prostin and this is based on some existing guidance.</p> <p>The format of the document was briefly discussed at the previous meeting however no further comments on the content were received. Wendy Copson has made some slight amendments since the previous version which JG shared on screen; a couple of further minor amendments were suggested.</p> <p>The LNUs present were happy in principle but will require NUH to endorse from a tertiary perspective. An updated version will be circulated with the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Suggestions for the next monographs to be worked on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin • Morphine • Atracurium • Dobutamine • Dopamine <p>JG suggested these could be split out between each member of the group to add their own content into the network template and then bring back to the group for discussion.</p>		

8.	Electronic Prescribing Burton have electronic prescribing and there is a plan for RDH to adopt too, out to tender, with implementation expected to be in 2025.		
9.	Significant Incidents & Shared Learning None.		
10.	AOB Glucagon – there are supply issues with the preparation needed for our patient population. Decision in the two trusts represented at the meeting to ring fence supplies for children/neonates. There are no alternatives known at the moment.		
11.	Date/Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 10 October 2023, 2:30pm – 4:30pm via Microsoft Teams		