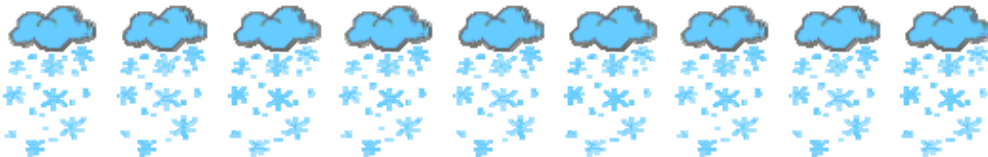


Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country
Neonatal Network **N E W S**



Merry Christmas & A Happy New year

As we come to the end of 2005 it is a pleasure to reflect on the huge progress made by the network, achieved in a relatively short period of time, it is only 17 months since the network's launch event in July 2004.

Network Achievements Include:

- Investment in new network medical and nursing posts supporting the developing network through collaborative working
- Improving the skills and knowledge of the clinical staff in the network through investment in training and development
- Investment in standardised ultrasound and weighing equipment across the network
- Publication of agreed network clinical guidelines
- Identification of the way forward for newborn transport
- Parent representation & involvement at Network Board and other Network Activities
- Undertaking a robust process to decide the future designation level of the neonatal units in the network
- Identification of the expected cot requirements and the associated nurse and medical staffing required across the network

These achievements have only been made possible through working together with all your enthusiasm, talent, commitment and sheer dedication to improve the quality of care the babies and their families receive in our network.

We look forward to continuing to work with you all on further network achievements throughout 2006 and wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**We are still waiting for
Baby Carnwell to arrive -
any day now!**

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'Special Thanks'

To the chairs of each of the network sub groups with out whom the huge progress made in the network would not have been realised

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Guidelines

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Transport

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Equipment

Dr Wendy Tyler

Research & Development

Dr Sanjeev Deshpande

Please contact the chair of the group, or the network office, if you would like to know how to get involved

Workforce Development

This group will be formed in the New Year

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Ruth Moore

What's coming up?

January 2006

- 5th - R & D Group
- 10th - Equipment Group
- 12th - Breastfeeding Group
- 19th - Transport Group
- 25th - Breastfeeding Study Day

February 2006

- 1st - Network Board

March 2006

- 22nd - Guidelines Group

If you would like any further information please either visit the website or contact a member of the Network Team.