

## Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

We would like to send out an open invitation to attend the Networks Annual General Meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am at Telford Education Centre, Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.

The Network Business Plan 2006/7 is now available to view on the website.

## MATERNITY NETWORK

I was appointed as Lead Obstetrician in April 2006. Since then the Maternity Network Project Team met for the first time this year in June. Representatives from five out of the six maternity departments in the network attended. Over the next few months I will be visiting each unit to discuss priorities and aims of each hospital and hope to bring all this together as an action plan for the Maternity Network when we meet again in September. **Simon Jenkinson, Lead Obstetrician**

## Network Influences Members of Parliament

The network has had opportunity to meet with MP's twice this year. In January the neonatal unit at New Cross was visited by Pat McFadden MP Wolverhampton S E.



In July Ruth Moore and Lynsey Ward attended the launch of the Second BLISS Baby Report at the Houses of Commons. Copies of the report can be downloaded from:

<http://www.bliss.org.uk/pdfs/babyreport.pdf>

## UNIT DESIGNATION UPDATE

A West Midlands Specialised Commissioners (WMSC) Designation Sub Group was formed to review the 3 newborn network's proposed designations across the West Midlands. The group has representation from each of the four LSCG's and representation of each of the roles in the 3 networks -Chair, Jon Crockett, Lead nurse, Ruth Moore, Network Manager, Mary Passant, and Lead Clinician, Richard De Boer. Six options were considered ranging from least centralised to most centralised services. Three of the options have been considered in further detail:

- Option 2 – the three networks' proposed designations
- Option 4 – which would mean a change from the proposed designation with Walsall as a level 1 unit
- Option 5 – which would mean a change from the proposed designation with Stoke as a level 2 unit, Walsall and Dudley as level 1 units.

The recommended option will be approved at a meeting of the WMSCG. This recommendation will form the basis for formal public consultation the timeframe for which will be later this year.

## New Members of the Network Team

Please welcome to the Network Team:  
**Simon Jenkinson** Lead Obstetrician for the Network from April 2006.  
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Lynsey Ward



Simon Jenkinson

## What's coming up?

**September 2006**

5<sup>th</sup> – Transport Group

8<sup>th</sup> – Team Development Study Day

12<sup>th</sup> – Equipment Group  
Breastfeeding Group

19<sup>th</sup> – Monitoring Equipment Evaluation

22<sup>nd</sup> – Neonatal Nurses Study Day

26<sup>th</sup> – Trinetwork Study Day

**October 2006**

4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting & AGM

30<sup>th</sup> – Team Development Study Day

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

For more information please visit our website at:

[www.newbornnetworks.org.uk/staffs](http://www.newbornnetworks.org.uk/staffs)

If you have any comments or would like to get involved please contact a member of the Network Team. - 1 -