

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all our colleagues across the Network and beyond a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Foundation Programme

The 3rd cohort of the Staffordshire, Shropshire and Black Country Newborn Network's Neonatal Nursing Foundation Programme commenced in October 08, Four Staff nurses were recruited and are at present coming to the end of their special care experience. Once again a huge thank you to all the clinical staff that have been involved with either teaching or preceptoring the girls through out the programme. You will all be pleased to know that from the previous programmes six out of the seven girls who completed the foundation programme have applied and secured posts mostly within our network or our neighbouring network SWMNN.

**Oct 2008 Foundation Programme nurses
Kiran, Ana, Kate and Laura**



What's coming up?

- January 2009**
 7th - Data set group meeting
 12th - UHNS/Stafford Facilitated workshop
 21st am Breastfeeding Meeting
 21st pm Workforce Development Group Meeting
 22nd - Maternity Tri-Network Event
 29th - Quad Network Event "Midlands Matters"
 30th - Joint Transport Group Meeting
- February 2009**
 25th - Dataset meeting
 26th - Resuscitation Group Meeting
 27th am Perinatal Education Event
 27th pm Network Audit Competition Presentations
- March 2009**
 2nd - Equipment Group Meeting
 4th am Network Board Meeting
 4th pm Senior Nurses Meeting

Network Education and Training

Once again there has been several successful study days held throughout the Network. Topics have been delivered following results of the education audit April 08. In conjunction with the Neonatal Practice Focused Intensive Care module run at Keele University and Network Neonatal Nurses Foundation Programme we have extended invitations to Network staff to attend respiratory management and pre term nutrition study days. Another successful equipment training day was held at Stafford on the use of the SiPAP machine in November. To date we have facilitated 8 theory days for Foundation Programme. All of these have been extended to nursing staff within the network. To book a place please contact; Carol Guest Tel: 01782 553390 or email: carol.guest@nhs.net

Future study events

TRAINING EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Foundation Training – Respiratory and Infection Developmental Care	08.01.09	New Cross A3
Midlands Matters - Quad Network study day	14.01.09	Keele University - UHNS
SiPAP Training	29.01.09	Derby Conference Centre
Foundation Training - Cardiology/Cardiac Surgery & Neurology	11.02.09	Walsall Manor
Foundation Training – Bereavement and syndrome presentation	11.03.09	Keele University - UHNS
Foundation Training – Surgical Interventions & Preparing for Transport	12.03.09	Gem Centre
Foundation Training – Surgical Interventions & Preparing for Transport	18.03.09	Keele University - UHNS
Foundation Programme Graduation & Presentation of Assignments	03.04.09	GEM Centre, Wolverhampton

Breastfeeding Group Update

The Breastfeeding Group continues to meet regularly and has recently incorporated a practice update session into the agenda. Sioned Hilton from Medela was the guest speaker at the last meeting and gave a presentation about breast shield fitting. The group were invited to submit an application for a member of staff to undertake the International Lactation Consultants Board Exam. One member of staff applied and we are currently waiting to hear from our sponsor about whether or not the application has been successful.

The study from the cross-network research into the Impact of Breastfeeding Information has been completed and the results will be published in the journal 'Infant' in 2009. Best practice guidelines about initiating and maintaining lactation for preterm mothers written by Liz Jones (chair) and is now on the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly website, (http://www.babyfriendly.org.uk/pdfs/Liz_Jones_article_full.pdf). These guidelines were launched by Liz at the Baby Friendly Conference in Glasgow in November. A successful network breastfeeding study day took place on the 15th December.

Maternity Network News

A stakeholder event was held in November at The Roman Way Hotel in Cannock. There were table-top presentations from Lyndsay Durkin and Tracy Palmer (RWH) focusing on waterbirth and normal birth, and Chris Thomas (UHNS) who talked about the UHNS delivery suite escalation policy. There was a presentation about the new NICE guidelines by Sam Baker of Ferring Pharmaceuticals. Fay Baillie, West Midlands Regional Clinical Leader for Maternity Care Pathways, gave the keynote speech.



Fay joins us again on January 22nd for the Tri-network Event at Warwickshire Health and Racquets Club in Coventry. This will be sponsored by Skills for Health and will consider a range of topics with a particular emphasis on EWTD and Workforce.

Maternity Network groups continue to progress with the guidelines group having agreed a schedule for the publication of the obstetric guidelines and funding for the IUT Research project having been agreed by the Newborn Network Board. Other groups in development include datasets, audit, workforce and perinatal education.

Maternity Tri-network Event **22nd January 2009**

Venue: Warwickshire Health & Racquets Club

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**'Midlands Matters'- Neonatal
Conference organised by the four
newborn networks in the Midlands**

**Thursday 29th January 2009
The Derby Conference Centre**

Joint Transport Group Update

The tendering process for a dedicated ambulance service is almost complete and the service should be in place in April 2009.



NTS activity continues to be high performing up to 110 transfers each month.

Visits to the NNUs who use the service have begun and should be complete for the SSBCNN by the end of January 2009. A number of guidelines have been ratified and the operational policy finalised. A report of the NTS' first operational year will be distributed shortly.

News

Since the last newsletter three of the newborn network staff are expecting babies. We would like to wish Sarah and Lee, Jo and Ben and Lynsey and Adam all the best on their anticipated bundles of joy due to arrive between late December and April!



We would like to welcome Sarah Blackburn to the Newborn Network team who will be covering for Sarah Carnwell whilst she is on maternity leave.



Newborn Network Christmas Greetings

Amazingly the Christmas holidays are here again and I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

It has been a very busy year for us all in the Newborn Network in 2008 with some exciting new developments starting, as well as new and ambitious plans for the future being developed.

Thanks to work we have done the whole system is providing better care to those most in need of our services, babies and their families.

I would like to say thank you to everyone for your dedication, commitment and hard work throughout the year and wish you a very Happy Christmas and successful New Year.



Jon Crockett
Chairman

Staffordshire, Shropshire & Black Country Newborn Network

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