

UK Committee on Children and Young People's Nursing

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Room 101, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

[NNA] update

Name: [Denise Evans NNA Chairperson

Neonatal services are undertaking two pieces of work a Transformation review as it was deemed important to review the service to align with the Maternity Transformation review. This now forms part of Implementing *Better Births*:

Integrating Neonatal Care into Local Maternity System Transformation Plans

Service Peer review is being undertaken.

The National Neonatal Lead nurse groups workforce audit is complete and with the data analyst to look at pulling themes together.

There has been mixed reports around the funding of Qualified in Speciality (QIS) courses throughout the country amid education funding cuts.

A 70% - 30% QIS is dictated by the Neonatal Service Specification with a lack of available places units are being penalised when this is beyond their control.

Information regarding ANNP Liz Crathern NNA Executive member

I led the development of the ANNP course at Sheffield and it started in Jan 2014 for Yorkshire and Humber and East Midlands

It has been so successful it has now

HENE with Sheffield as preferred provider

West Midlands accessing and enquiries as far as London

The big issue for me as Programme lead is that we expect as a prerequisite that the student should have studied at degree / masters and have completed an accredited University QIS course 2 years before applying

This is because the QIS is fundamental to their underpinning knowledge of neonatal art and science of caring for the sick and preterm neonate.

The government are back tracking on their deal - arguing for a modernising NHS and accepting the need for advanced practitioners (European Working directives) - and NHS and HHE also stated this training must be at Masters level - - and ignoring the fact that we will need to prepare neonatal nurses to apply for such a role

The government state that they want a fair start for children and are investing in nursery placements for the under 5 year olds to ensure they get the best opportunity to 'fly' yet they are ignoring the need for specialist nurses with approved courses to care for infants and pre terms with complex needs - at the most critical time in their life -

There are minimum standards in a nursery for WELL children to ensure that they are cared for by qualified nursery nurses

We need this for NICU and BAPM standards should be adhered to

If we go down the route of 'in house' training there will be no bench marks as there is in a University for quality control of courses - see QAA standards for programmes

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Children's Acute/ Community/ Neonatal Services update Wales

Name: Eirlys Thomas Chair All Wales Senior Nurse Forum

Health Visiting

- 1) Implementation of the Healthy Child Wales Programme (HCWP) since Oct 2016
- 2) HCWP underpinned by family resilience assessment (FRAIT) since June 2017
- 3) 1 and 2 underpinned by QA framework /All Wales training and competencies and one Wales HV JD
- 4) Priority areas locally – due to local deprivation :

- Oral health and a *Lift the Lip* Pilot
 - SIDS and all families offered CPR and choking
 - Development of perinatal mental health work with HV recruited to lead this, Oct 17 to start
 - Child Obesity and implementation of *10 steps to a healthy weight*
 - Immunisations and ongoing work to increase MMR uptake and influenza uptake
- 5) Ongoing work
- Development of RBA framework ABMU with Hywel Dda
 - Alignment of ACES into data capturing
 - Development of national HV acuity tool with University of S Wales

School Health Nursing service

School Nursing in Wales: September 2017

Following an inclusive consensus approach with current school nurses across Wales and consultation with children and young people to drafting the content 'A School Nursing Framework for Wales' was launched by WG in May 2017 and refreshed the 2009 document.

The new document provides a vision for the future that aims to build on current practice across Wales but essentially it will standardise provision to ensure children and young people's rights under the UNCRC (1989) are met wherever they live, or move to, in Wales. It will also support school nurses moving to work in different Health Boards across Wales.

The expectation is that all are employed within the NHS and that Health Boards provide a named SCPHN (SN) qualified School Nurse (SN) for every secondary school and its cluster of feeder schools. They will be employed all year (not term time only) and so be available to children and young people out of school terms, times and venues.

The named SN will lead a skill mix team (some of which may be term time only) who deliver population level public health services and input. This includes delivery of vaccination, screening and surveillance programmes and topic specific classroom sessions on public health priorities in support of education colleagues (to meet National Curriculum expectations) in appropriate areas including general and sexual health and relationships education. They will also provide drop in services throughout the year that are confidential, within SG parameters that will be offered in various community venues.

There is widened emphasis to ensure parity for primary school pupils as well as those in secondary schools to facilitate a continuum of provision that is prudent and meets the early intervention and prevention principles.

Maintaining the population level approach the SN will act as a sign post to appropriate intervention and support but will work on an individual level with pupils as appropriate and necessary. In line with the Healthy Child Wales Programme (WG, 2016) the service is provided via the progressive universalism approach (Universal,

Enhanced & Intensive) and has 4 underpinning standards to guide the expectation of minimum practice:

- All Wales Standards for Immunisation in school aged children
- All Wales Standards for Safeguarding in school aged children
- All Wales Standards for NHS School Nurses Promotion of EWB and Supporting the MH Needs of SA Children
- Child Measurement Programme (CMP) Guidance

The CMP, Immunisation and Safeguarding standards are in general well embedded. The biggest challenge is in terms of training needs, to ensure competence and confidence in all school health practitioners, to meet the standard regarding emotional wellbeing and mental health. This standard is also the one SNs specifically requested be put in place aware they are not currently meeting pupil's needs in this area.

Current provision differs across Wales and Health Boards will be requested to provide their implementation plans to WG to ensure the vision, as detailed in the Framework document, is achieved. It is hoped that further standardisation of practice will follow including development of national job descriptors.

Acute Children's services

- Development of an all wales acuity tool underway. Conference scheduled for 28th September.
- All Wales Senior Nursing forum are going to work together to develop a Nursing strategy for CYP services. Work to commence in October this year.
- Children's rights are at the forefront of services within ABMU Health Board. Work is underway following the launch of an UNCRC children's charter.
- Work underway in development of a youth board.
- Introduction of CHAI within North Wales, this will be trialled within South wales later on in the year.
- Work continues across South wales in relation to services for Children and young people. Service models are currently being worked through.

Children's Community Nursing team

- Work underway in relation to sharing information across all community services.
- Challenges around continuing Health care. Welsh Government have appointed a lead across wales to lead on these services for CYP.
- Streamline documentation across Wales. Ensure consistency this is going to be kept on Welsh community care information solution. This will enable us to share information with Local authorities

Neonatal Services

- Work underway to address workforce issues across south wales
- ABMU Singleton Neonatal unit has been successful in winning NHS wards this year. This is in relation to the use of antibiotics
- Business case for Transitional care plan for Swansea completed to be submitted to Welsh Government for consideration.
- Plans to increase bed capacity in Cardiff and relocate services in Cum Taff to Merthyr. There will be changes to local authority boundaries in South Wales which will influence the flow of children's services

- Swansea has commenced Family integrated care within the Neonatal unit. Positive feedback for the families to date.
 - Joint mortality reviews commences across the network in South wales. This is a positive move in relation to lessons learnt across South wales
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RCN CYP Acute Care Forum update

Name: Professor Dave Clarke and Eirlys Thomas

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting as Chair of the RCN CYP Acute Care Forum - I am on leave due to moving house. Eirlys Thomas will present the report by telephone conference.

Update:

The forum submitted feedback to both the RCN and the NMC regarding the Nursing Education Standards Consultation which included:

- Disappointment at the lack of clarity regarding key nursing knowledge and skills for CYP care for all nurses and those in CB.
 - Feedback that the clinical skills included as essential focus on acute and physical care.
 - Feedback that the standards do not clearly articulate the level or standard of competence to be achieved.
 - An overall impression that key skills in mental health across the lifespan and key interventions such as motivational interviewing and fundamental CBT were absent.
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Vital signs policy and practices survey has been completed and published and is available at: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/forums/children-and-young-people-acute-care-forum/children-and-young-people-acute-care-forum-forum/home/noticeboard>

The survey showed that many organisations delivering care for CYP did not have clear policies and procedures for the measurement of vital signs and that the RCN document (<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub->

[003196](#)) which was updated this year is utilised by many practitioners as a source of evidence.

RCNi CYP nursing conference November 9th at Alder Hey. Associate Professor, Sarah Neil, who is a forum committee member is presenting.

Forum members contribute to the following meetings/committees:

RCPCH Emergency Care.

RCPCH Medicines Committee.
Royal College of Surgeons.

NHS England Neonatal Transformation.

RCN Congress:

Planning is underway for Congress 2018!