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Hello!

Welcome to the second issue of the National Neonatal Network's newsletter. We hope that you will find this a useful way of keeping up to date with the work of the network and to hear about relevant developments, conferences or training opportunities.

We greatly welcome your feedback to help us make this newsletter work for you. If you have any comments or suggestions on what could be improved, please let us know by emailing nss.perinatalnetwork@nhs.scot.

Network Update

Please note that Emma Wylie has moved from her post as Programme Manager for the network to a new post in NHS National Services Scotland. A new Programme Manager is being recruited with a view to taking up post in early November.

GIRFT Neonatal Workforce Report

The GIRFT/RCPCH Neonatal Workforce snapshot survey has now been published – see attachment or visit website <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/snapshot-neonatal-services-workforce-uk>. You will recall that individual benchmark packs were sent to units in January and this report looks at national themes and findings.

The report includes information about gaps in service and compliance with BAPM staffing standards. There are specific problems identified with weekend working and recommendations regarding roles and responsibilities of doctors and multidisciplinary team to develop the future workforce.



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BAPM Update: New QI Toolkit on Antenatal Optimisation

BAPM has published a QI Toolkit on Antenatal Optimisation for Preterm Infants less than 34 weeks. The toolkit provides an implementation strategy for units and networks who wish to improve compliance with key evidence-based AO interventions to improve preterm outcomes. The toolkit was developed by a four nation team of obstetricians, midwives and neonatologists with parent representation and is freely available to download on the BAPM website.

This venture has been undertaken in collaboration with the National Neonatal Audit Programme and the implementation will be supported throughout England by the Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme in the coming months.

This is one of four toolkits produced by the BAPM which as a whole make up a Perinatal Optimisation Care Pathway. These include **Normothermia** (published), Early Maternal Breastmilk and Optimal Cord Management (to be published October and November 2020). This pathway which aligns with the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle version 2, promotes interdisciplinary perinatal teamworking in pursuit of better preterm outcomes.

Julie-Clare Becher, Quality Lead for BAPM says *"we only get one chance to get it right for preterm babies before they are born, but optimising the antenatal environment is a complex process. This Antenatal Optimisation toolkit provides the 'how' as well as the 'why', and will support perinatal teams in delivering evidence-based interventions so that more children will survive and grow up to live happy and healthy lives."*

[Read the Toolkit](#)

Parent Club Family Support Directory

A Family Support Directory is now live and is available on ParentClub:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/family-support-directory>

Information is searchable by topic or the child's age group.

Save the Dates

Pulse Oximetry Webinar – 10 November 2020, 12:00-13:30

As the Network restarts its work programme and building on the benefits of collaborative national working we have gained during the Covid period the network will be hosting a Webinar on the 10th November 2020 via Microsoft Teams on "Routine Newborn Pulse Oximetry Screening". The timing of the webinar will align with our colleagues in NHS Lothian introducing routine pulse oximetry screening.

From a survey the Network undertook earlier this year there is a spectrum of availability of routine pulse oximetry in units across Scotland.

Professor Andy Ewer from Birmingham will kindly join us to present the evidence, the experience accrued from implementation and participate in a discussion forum.

[Eventbrite Registration](#)

Scottish Neonatal Nurses Virtual Conference

The 2020 **Scottish Neonatal Nurses Virtual Conference** will be held on 26 November 2020.

Neonatal Update 2020: The science of newborn care

2 – 20 November 2020

An academic meeting of Imperial College London

The 2020 Neonatal Update will comprise a series of 20 eclectic on-line lectures with opportunity for live discussion regardless of where in the world delegates are based.

Full details and the registration form can be found on the [Neonatal Update](#) website.

In particular, please note that groups or departments can register together.

SIGNEC and Neonatal Quality Improvement Conference

Online SIGNEC 2020 & Neonatal Quality Improvement Conference on Thu 29 and Friday 30 October 2020. For more information please visit: <https://signec.org/>

Learning Opportunities for Midwives and Neonatal Healthcare Professionals

The Royal Society of Medicine

Upcoming webinars for midwives and neonatal healthcare professionals



Maternity services and COVID-19: Learning about and reflecting on the good and the bad

Wednesday 14 October 2020

6:00pm to 7:30pm (GMT)

Free to book

This free live webinar explores the impact of COVID-19 on women's health and wellbeing during pregnancy and transition to parenting. We will explore emerging trends and evidence, and the implications for maternity services going forward.

[BOOK FOR FREE](#)



Opioid exposure in pregnancy: Effects on mother, baby and beyond

Wednesday 4 November 2020

6:00pm to 8:25pm (GMT)

This webinar will highlight the impact of opioid exposure to mothers and babies. From pre-pregnancy to birth, experts will cover all aspects of how to manage, support and safeguard these patients.

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