

OUR EXPERIENCES USING THE NEW NOTES

“ORANGE NOTES” a companion to the greens!!!
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Why we agreed to be one of the pilot sites

- Chance to be part of the process of using the notes and testing how they worked in practice
- Able to give feedback to the Perinatal Institute on our experience
- Test the design before it went into its final version
- Chance to add or change anything we thought relevant

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- ▣ Have input from the beginning
- ▣ Whole team committed from the beginning i.e. Diabetes and ante natal teams
- ▣ 3 sites in our trust, needed agreed uniformity across all sites

How we started

- ▣ Kate from the P.I. Visited with the whole team to discuss how we used the new notes
- ▣ 15 sets of notes to be used
- ▣ Present at the first meeting – Obstetricians, Diabetologists, DSN, DSM and Dietician
- ▣ All had a clear understanding of what was expected from us

Advantages of the new notes

- ▣ Emphasises to patient the importance of carrying their notes
- ▣ Standardises care and note keeping
- ▣ Simplifies notes and in a logical order
- ▣ No separate blood glucose home monitoring diary
- ▣ Engages women in information giving
- ▣ Awareness to other HCP re diabetes in pregnancy

Advantages cont'd

- ▣ Eliminates the risk of not knowing where to find information in hospital notes re diabetes care
- ▣ Local regional document
- ▣ Integrates diabetes care into rest of pregnancy care

Disadvantages of the new notes

- ❑ Home blood glucose diary – very small lines in-between each day for patients to record readings
- ❑ Only 31 weeks of readings can be included without adding continuation sheets, may need extra for some women
- ❑ Needed space to include a modified insulin sliding scale rather than just standard one
- ❑ New Nice guidelines recommend a post natal fasting glucose and not a OGTT

Disadvantages cont'd

- ❑ Post natal page – needed some extra space to include any complications in pregnancy e.g.P.E.T
- ❑ Need to duplicate the patients medical history – recorded in the new notes but then needed for the main hospital notes ?? Photocopy
- ❑ No associated computer database although most health records being computerised

▣ THANKS

▣ ANY QUESTIONS??