

# Regional Midwifery Forum

**Minutes of the Meeting Held: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Pat McGeown, <b>Co-Chair</b>	Perinatal Institute
Anne Tucker	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Wendy Burt, Sue Behan	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Estine Dennis-Bryan, Veronica Trought	City Hospital
Anne Mellor	Mid Staffordshire Hospital
Lorraine Smith	New Cross Hospital
Lesley Adams	Princess Royal Hospital
Pat Bodin	University of Central England
Kerry Gorton	Walsall Manor Hospital
Wendy Jones	Warwick Hospital
Jill Wright, Kate Morse	Perinatal Institute

**Apologies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Jean Lucas	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
Tracey Greenhill, Susan Jackson	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Angela McBennett	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Deb Garrett, Dawn Fuller	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Helen Melville	Good Hope Hospital
Val Tristram	Kidderminster Hospital
Joyce Till	Mid Staffordshire Hospital
Christiane Harrison	New Cross Hospital
Anthea Gregory-Page, Cath Mercer	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Amanda Hackett, Justine Edwards	Russell's Hall Hospital
Ann Cysewski, Marcia Edwards	Wolverhampton University

**Minute Taker:** Claire Hallahan, Perinatal Institute

## Agenda Items

### 1. Introduction

Welcome and individual introductions.

### 2. Minutes of meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006

The minutes were agreed as correct

## Action Points

### 3. Matters arising and action points from last meeting: The future and function of the regional midwifery forum

- Toni Martin, co-chair of this group, has resigned from the group due to work commitments. Pat discussed the appointment of another co-chair at the recent HOM's meeting, they are happy for **PMcG** to continue as single chair. Proposal to regional midwifery group: select a new chair from within the group or continue with current chair. Group agreed to continue with a single chair and for Pat to continue in the role.
- Terms of reference – Due to limited representation at recent forums, Pat discussed future and role of the group at HOM's meeting. It was suggested by the HOMs that the Regional Midwifery Forum becomes more of an action group and they would like the forums to re-visit Perinatal Mental Health and review the evidence about re-modelling delivery of postnatal care. The group were asked whether they felt this was what they wanted this group to do and did it continue to reflect the terms of reference and remit of the group that was outlined at the group's inception.
- The group were asked whether they felt the forum meetings were beneficial and how the information gained at meetings was disseminated locally.
  - New Cross** – feeds back to HOM who takes this to specific groups. In particular has done this for issues such as high and low BMI and domestic abuse.
  - Birmingham Women's** – shared the MAGIC information with the Practice Improvement Group and supervisors.
  - City** – feeds back to colleagues across the sites (City & Sandwell) about risk management in particular with a positive emphasis.
  - UCE** – the link between theory and practice is relevant and feeds back to individuals and/or decision meetings. As a university they are linked to 4 local trusts.
  - Warwick** – feeds back to supervisors and, if relevant to intrapartum care such as the latent phase of labour draft guideline to the delivery suite forums, as this forum reaches a wide group of people concerned with maternity care including the chair of the MSLC.
  - Stafford** – highlighted need to have appropriate communication network and would like more communication back from HOMs meetings.

The group discussed communication and dissemination of information after meetings particularly if Trusts are not represented. It was suggested that the minutes from meetings be sent to other groups outside of the forum.

PMcG suggested that the minutes are sent to other key people such as link supervisors and other groups dependent on the topic, i.e. intrapartum issues to delivery suite managers.

#### Actions

- Minutes to be circulated to the group, HOMs, contact supervisors of midwifery.
- Group to advise whom else they think the minutes should be

circulated to.

- The group were reminded that the minutes are available on the website.
- The group to try ensure units are represented as often as possible either in person or by a representative.
- Latent phase of labour guidelines – each Trust must decide how they will be implemented (i.e. through labour ward forum guideline groups etc). Members of Regional Midwifery Forum are local champions to initiate this.

#### **4. Latent Phase of Labour – Kate Morse**

- The latent phase of labour guideline has been out for regional consultation and the focus group met today to discuss the comments and feedback. The guidance will be disseminated to the rest of the focus group for final comments then will be available for regional distribution and use.

#### **Perinatal Mental Health – Caroline Carr, Nurse Manager, Brockington Mother and Baby Unit, Stafford**

- Caroline presented an overview of the service offered at St George's hospital, Stafford. It is a six bedded unit providing care for women from 30 weeks gestation.
- Costs £450 per bed per day
- Women are admitted with puerperal psychosis, panic disorders, attachment disorders and bipolar disorders.
- A community service is available, 2 health professionals do home visits.
- The principle of the clinic is to be proactive and have a positive approach to prevent breakdown in relationships, self harm and suicide attempts.
- Their initiative means that women can take part in therapeutic activities every day such as anxiety management and parent education.
- The unit have developed care pathways for perinatal mental health service South Staffordshire. Caroline to forward copy of pathway which can be disseminated to forum group
- Unfortunately the unit feel there is limited support for this area of work from the PCTs and often means that women are moved out of area without their baby.

#### **Regional response**

- It is recommended that units develop care pathways
- It was suggested the group consider Margaret Oates' flow chart – although this is on the HOM's agenda too.
- The number of beds available in each area are:  
Stafford: 6  
Birmingham: 9  
Nottingham: 10  
South: developing availability in Worcester
- City Hospital has got an effective mental health service but still have problems accessing beds.
- Walsall is currently developing a referral pathway.

- Need for increased awareness during midwifery training, many student midwives have had no psychiatric training.
- The group are willing to look at the mental health pathways that are currently in place and other services available within the region.

**5. Any Other Business**

**LS** requested regional information on hyperemesis gravidarum care pathways. **LS** to contact all members.

**7. Date and Time of next meeting**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at **1pm** (lunch available from 12.30pm)  
Venue: The Perinatal Institute, Crystal Court, Birmingham