

# Regional Midwifery Forum

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004,**

**Present:**

Name	Unit
Pat McGeown, <b>Co-Chair</b>	Perinatal Institute
Toni Martin, <b>Co-Chair</b>	Worcester NHS Trust
Jean Lucas	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
Naomi Bird, Anne Tucker, Susan Jackson	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Wendy Burt,	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Kathy Allen	Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield
Tracey Sayce, Jan Pakes,	Hereford County Hospital
Shelia Heneghan	Keele University
Lorraine Smith	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Ruth Gammon	Staffordshire University
Pat Bodin	University Central England
Isobel McDermott, Ann O'Reilly	Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry
Marcia Edwards, Ann Cysewski	Wolverhampton University
Judi Barratt	Worcester Hospital
Judith Wright	Worcester University
Karen Warwick, Nicola Speakman	Wordsley Hospital
Kate Morse ( <b>minutes</b> )	Perinatal Institute

**Apologies:**

Name	Unit
Paula Clarke, Ester Rackley	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Maureen Brown	Coventry University
Amanda Palmer, Elizabeth Wilson	Hereford Hospital
Anne Mellor, Joyce Till	Mid- Staffordshire General Hospital
Sandra Reading	New Cross Hospital
Cath Mercer, Jacquie Barden, Anthea	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Gregory-Page, Cathy Smith	
Carmel McCalmont	Walsgrave Hospital
Annette Gough, Louise Clarke	Warwick Hospital

## Agenda Items

### 1. Introduction

- Welcome and individual introductions.

### 2. Minutes of meeting 06.07.04

- Agreed as correct

#### Action points from minutes:

- Head's of midwifery will be kept informed of forum through heads of midwifery meetings.

### 3. Matters arising

- Regional midwifery forum web pages now available, at [http://www.perinatal.nhs.uk/rmf/index\\_rmf.htm](http://www.perinatal.nhs.uk/rmf/index_rmf.htm) Pages to include minutes from previous meetings, date and times of future meetings.

## Action Points

Pat McGeown/  
Toni Martin

Pat McGeown

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to clinical commitments, at beginning of meeting quorum not met, therefore it was agreed to review the group objectives at the next forum.</li> <li>• However quorum was eventually met as 10 units represented.</li> <li>• Discussed action points raised from previous presentation, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>4 hour action line</b>, re-explained. Is beginning to be discussed locally at some units, <b>group agreed to feedback future developments to forum.</b></li> <li>- Pre-operative blood testing has been discussed locally, practice varies across region, some units have adopted recommendation whilst others continue to take group and save samples.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Management and monitoring of the latent phase of labour, group agreed this needs greater definition and guidance. Would like to develop a regional midwifery response to this. <b>Group to bring a copy of own units labour guideline including early labour to next forum.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Pat McGeown / Toni Martin</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>4. Presentations:</b>  <b>Toni Martin – Use of Electronic Fetal Monitoring Guideline (EFM)</b>  <b>Pat McGeown – Induction of Labour Guideline (IOL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both presentations highlighted key recommendations outlined by the guidelines and prompted discussion points for group to respond to.</li> </ul> <p><b>EFM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermittent auscultation requires one to one care in labour. Questioned whether this was always feasible due to staffing levels.</li> <li>• Discussed midwives understanding of guidelines in relation to how and when to listen to the fetal heart.</li> <li>• Interpretation of CTG's ensuring recommended terminology used.</li> <li>• Set CTG clock and date before use</li> <li>• Maternal pulse to be recorded with fetal heart rate.</li> </ul> <p><b>IOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed midwives interpretation of guideline in relation to auscultation of fetal heart following administration of prostaglandin or oxytocin.</li> <li>• Questioned how often women are monitored before labour becomes established</li> <li>• Management of prolonged rupture of membranes</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Local Implementation and Response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Re-visit relevant local guidelines to see if the NICE guidelines have been interpreted correctly.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>EFM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspects of the guideline have been implemented within the region, it was agreed staffing levels can compromise ability to provide care as outlined in the recommendation.</li> <li>• All units provide regular training for staff on CTG interpretation.</li> </ul> <p><b>IOL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The frequency of how often women are monitored and auscultation of the fetal heart, before labour becomes established, varies amongst units. The</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>

group felt this reiterated earlier discussion about the need for a definition and management plan of latent phase of labour.

- Induction of labour following prolonged rupture of membranes is offered at different time scales varying from 18 hours post rupture to 96 hours post rupture. Nikki Speakman (Wordsley) agreed to present evidence to support her unit's practice at the next forum.

#### **6. Any other Business**

- Pat gave a brief overview of the NSF- standard 11 which evoked discussion regarding: staffing implications with changes to service delivery, Examination of the newborn, who will be best placed to undertake this assessment, as many GP's have opted out. Some units have already begun to facilitate training of midwives. Although there was concern that GP's have opted out before sufficient midwives have been trained. It was felt by the group the NSF needed further discussion.

#### **7. Future topics for discussion - latent phase of labour, definition, documentation and management.**

#### **8. Topics for next meeting**

- National Service Framework for Children –Standard 11 Maternity
- Presentation by Nicola Speakman (Wordsley Hospital)
- Group Objectives
- Overview of Why Mothers Die 2000-2002

#### **9. Date and Time of next meeting**

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 12.30pm (lunch available from 12pm)  
Venue: The Perinatal Institute, Crystal Court, Birmingham