

Regional Midwifery Forum

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD: 7th June 2005

Present:

Name	Unit
Pat McGeown, Co-Chair	Perinatal Institute
Elinor Clarke	Coventry University
Ann Tucker	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Deborah Garrett	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Kathy Allen, Sascha Wells	Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield
Val Tristram	Kidderminster Hospital
Anne Mellor	Mid-Staffordshire General Hospital
Hazel Remmett-Booth, Lorraine Smith	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Kerry Gorton	Walsall Manor Hospital
Wendy Jones	Warwick Hospital
Ann Cysewski	Wolverhampton University
Jill Wright, Kate Morse(minutes)	Perinatal Institute

Apologies:

Name	Unit
Toni Martin, Co-chair	Worcester Royal Hospital
Jean Lucas	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
Susan Jackson	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Wendy Burt, Paula Clarke	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Estine Dennis Bryan	City Hospital
Maureen Brown,	Coventry University
Linda Edwards, Dawn Fuller	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Tracey Sayce, Jan Pakes	Hereford County Hospital
Tracey Palmer	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Lesley Adams, Anthea Gregory Page, Cath Mercer,	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Nicola Speakman, Amanda Hackett,	Russell Hall Hospital, Dudley
Justine Edwards	Sandwell Hospital
Yvonne Marshall	University of Central England
Pat Bodin	University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Chris Kettle	Walsgrave Hospital
Ann O'Reilly	Warwick Hospital
Annette Gough	Wolverhampton University
Marcia Edwards	Worcester University
Judith Wright	

Agenda Items

1. **Introduction**
 - Welcome and individual introductions.
 - Quorum not met - 8 units and 2 university represented
2. **Minutes of meeting 05.04.05**
 - Agreed as correct

Action Points

<p>3. Matters arising and action points from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website, all agenda and ratified minutes available to view. Presentations not yet available, development is ongoing and should be available soon. • Rates of infection for babies whose mothers have pre labour ruptured membranes, unable to follow this up at this meeting as neither Nicola Speakman nor Wendy Burt present to discuss progress. Nicola and Wendy to be contacted and future date for discussion to be arranged. • RCM Conference, Pat and Kate feedback on their concurrent sessions and other aspects of the conference, including two other concurrent sessions undertaken by midwives from the region. 	<p>Pat McGeown</p> <p>Pat McGeown</p>
<p>4.1 Presentation:</p> <p>RCM – Midwifery Practice Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document is made up of 19 chapters at the last meeting members of the group agreed to review individual chapters and feedback to the group. • As not all chapters presented it was agreed the remaining chapters would be presented at the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 chapters presented today • Discussion after each chapter, main themes of the discussion were: The role of the midwife - are midwives able to practice in the way recommended by the guideline? There were concerns raised as to whether newly qualified midwives are equipped with the skills to practice normality, it was felt currently too much emphasis was given to how to manage obstetric emergencies as opposed to 'hands on midwifery care'. The normality of childbirth, acknowledging what is normal and encourages midwives to challenge unnecessary intervention and to engage women in their care. The group discussed current practice and there are still variances in practice across the region in relation to eating and drinking in labour and fetal heart monitoring. However the group felt the guidelines are good for helping develop midwifery led care. The group did feel this guideline has not been introduced with much emphasis and the only way the guideline can currently be accessed is via the RCM website, and therefore limits who may actually read it. 	
<p>5 Any other Business</p> <p>Latent phase of labour</p> <p>Kate Morse presented an overview of the progress of the latent phase of labour focus group. The group have arranged to meet again in July to finalise the document, following that meeting the document will be circulated to the regional midwifery forum members for feedback.</p>	<p>Focus group</p>
<p>6 Future topics for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continence care • Fetal positioning • Feedback from Head's of Midwifery meeting, including suggestions for further topics for discussion. 	<p>All</p> <p>Pat McGeown/ Toni Martin</p>

7 Topics for next meeting

- RCM - Midwifery Practice Guideline **presentations of remaining chapters**
- Stem cell collection – Pat McGeown to contact midwife from Heartlands to present their protocol. **All the group to visit local protocols and bring copies to next forum**

8 Date and Time of next meeting

- Tuesday 6th September 2005 at **1pm** (lunch available from 12.30pm)
Venue: The Perinatal Institute, Crystal Court, Birmingham

Jean Lucas,
Lorraine Smith,
Angela Hughes,
Justine Edwards,
Nicky Speakman

Pat McGeown
All