

Regional Midwifery Forum

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD: 7th December 2004,

Present:

Name	Unit
Pat McGeown, Co-Chair	Perinatal Institute
Jean Lucas	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
Wendy Burt, Ester Rackley	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Kathy Allen	Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield
Tracey Sayce, Jan Pakes,	Hereford County Hospital
Anne Mellor	Mid-Staffordshire General Hospital
Ruth Gammon	Staffordshire University
Isobel McDermott, Ann O'Reilly	Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry
Marcia Edwards, Ann Cysewski	Wolverhampton University
Justine Edwards	Wordsley Hospital
Kate Morse (minutes)	Perinatal Institute
Jill Wright	Perinatal Institute

Apologies:

Name	Unit
Toni Martin, Co-Chair	Worcester Royal Hospital
Linda Edwards	George Eliot Hospital
Helen Melville	Good Hope Hospital
Amanda Palmer, Elizabeth Wilson	Hereford Hospital
Cath Mercer, Jacquie Barden, Anthea	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Gregory-Page, Cathy Smith	
Yvonne Marshall	Sandwell General Hospital
Pat Bodin	University Central England
Carmel McCalmont	Walsgrave Hospital
Annette Gough	Warwick Hospital
Paula Clarke,	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Judith Wright	Worcester University
Nicola Speakman, Amanda Hackett	Wordsley Hospital

Agenda Items

1. Introduction

- Welcome and individual introductions.
- Quorum not met as only 8 units represented

2. Minutes of meeting 05.10.04

- Agreed as correct

3. Matters arising and action points from last meeting:

- Regional midwifery forum web pages the minutes will be posted on the web pages only once agreed as correct by the group. Future meeting dates will be posted. **Group to visit web pages to give feedback at subsequent meetings**, address http://www.perinatal.nhs.uk/rmf/index_rmf.htm
- **4 hour action line**, Some midwives have had difficulty gathering evidence

Action Points

Pat McGeown

All

<p>regarding the four hour action line Pat/ Kate can give some references to use as a starting point, <i>if you require these references please contact Kate electronically</i></p>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birmingham Women's have documentation with regards women labouring in the birth centre. Coventry has some information in their obstetric protocol. <i>Both unit representatives agreed to bring copies of the documents to the next forum</i> 	Wendy Burt/ Ann O'Reilly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-visit relevant local guidelines to see if the NICE guidelines have been interpreted correctly.</i> Not everyone present has had chance to do this, therefore encouraged to do so. Nikki Speakman (Wordsley) was unable to present, due to a prior commitment, but has agreed to present at a future forum. 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group objectives were discussed and amendments made. <i>Please review the attached document and give feedback at the next meeting.</i> 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to clinical commitments, quorum not met only 8 units represented. It is important to try to meet the quorum at each meeting to be able to say the group responses are representative. The minutes from this meeting will be forwarded to all representatives in hard copy format as well as electronically. The delegate list will also be attached for review, to allow any <i>amendments / additions to be made to ensure at least one representative from each unit is able to attend future meetings.</i> 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <i>Group to bring a copy of own units labour guideline including early labour to next forum.</i> 	All
<p>4. Presentations:</p>	
<p>Pat McGeown – National Service Framework - for Children, Young People and Maternity Services</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented an overview of the whole frame work and how all the standards are interlinked and their impact on maternity services, including discussion of the key themes and the scope of standard 11 which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ High quality services which include all women, reducing inequalities ➢ Good maternity care for teenage mothers ➢ Importance of effective ante-natal care ➢ Birth – promoting choice ➢ Post-birth care for mothers and babies, support for breastfeeding ➢ Improved identification of domestic violence 	
<p>5. Response and Local Implementation</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed the implications for the midwife and maternity service provision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns were raised as to how midwives will cope with the increased workload when they are already working to capacity? It was felt this may have a negative affect on morale. - It was suggested the potential increased workload would have resource implications, and it may be necessary to change structure of 	

<p>postnatal visiting schedule to be able to provide visits for those women who would have previously been out of the midwives remit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One unit have already contracted out parent education classes. - Midwifery training, need to develop expanding role to incorporate, examination of the newborn, increased knowledge for the extended post-natal period and identification of mental health problems. - There was discussion about how the health visitors' role would change and implications for the midwife, concerns were raised about duplication of visits from more than one professional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was re-iterated that the NSF was a ten year strategy will take time to implement fully • <i>All present were encouraged to get involved with local implementation</i> 	All
<p>6. Any other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Morse presented an overview of the 6th confidential report into maternal deaths • Pat confirmed that Gwyneth Lewis has agreed to speak at an afternoon seminar here at the Perinatal Institute on 10.02.2005 topic: Why Mothers Die. Further information will follow or please contact Claire Hallahan on 0121-687-3450 or e-mail Claire.hallahan@perinatal.nhs.uk 	
<p>7. Future topics for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group asked to consider what topics they would like to address at future meetings 	All
<p>8. Topics for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latent Phase of labour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Group to consider practice issues and bring own units guidelines</i> - Pat McGeown to present findings from literature review • Presentation by Nicola Speakman (Wordsley Hospital) 	All Pat McGeown Nicola Speakman
<p>9. Date and Time of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 1st February 2005 at 12.30pm (lunch available from 12pm) Venue: The Perinatal Institute, Crystal Court, Birmingham 	