

Regional Midwifery Forum

Minutes of the Meeting Held: 8th November 2005

Present:

Name	Unit
Pat McGeown, Co-Chair	Perinatal Institute
Wendy Burt	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Linda Edwards, Bernie Allport	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Hazel Remmett-Booth, Lorraine Smith	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Lesley Adams	Princess Royal Hospital
Nicola Speakman	Russells Hall Hospital
Jasmin Daley	Sandwell General Hospital
Kerry Gorton, Lin Gostling	Walsall Manor Hospital
Isobel McDermott, Ann O'Reilly	Walsgrave Hospital
Wendy Jones	Warwick Hospital
Jill Wright, Kate Morse	Perinatal Institute

Apologies:

Name	Unit
Toni Martin, Co-chair	Worcester Royal Hospital
Jean Lucas	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
Tracey Greenhill	Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull
Paula Clarke, Angela McBennett	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Maureen Brown	Coventry University
Deb Garrett	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
Helen Melville, Suzanne Wilson	Good Hope Hospital
Chris Stewart	Keele University
Cath Mercer	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
Pat Bodin	University of Central England
Carmel McCalmont	Walsgrave Hospital
Judith Wright	Worcester University

Minute Taker: Claire Hallahan, Perinatal Institute

Agenda Items

- 1. Introduction**
Welcome and individual introductions.
- 2. Minutes of meeting 6th September 2005**
Agreed as correct

Action Points

3. Matters arising and action points from last meeting:

- **Stem Cell** – the NHS do not offer this service as a general rule. The RCM have issued a statement regarding recommendations for clinical practice. It was decided therefore that there is limited scope for the Regional Midwifery Forum group to discuss and develop this topic further to develop regional recommendations. The group's response was that, it is up to individual units to develop their own guidelines.
- **Website** – Claire Hallahan will liaise with Kevin Marshall (Perinatal Institute) to update the list of representatives on the website. Please inform Claire if you know of any changes to your unit representatives. Presentations are gradually being uploaded with the permission of the speaker. The group were encouraged to visit the website http://www.perinatal.nhs.uk/rmf/index_rmf.htm.

Claire
Hallahan/ALL

4. Presentation

- **MAGIC** – Midwifery Action Group Improving Continence
Lin Gostling gave an overview of the essence of care work that Walsall Manor Hospital had undertaken with regards to continence management, looking at both bladder and bowel problems. They audited existing practice and felt there were aspects of care which could be improved upon.
A risk assessment tool was developed and also a care pathway for continence management, (electronic copies of both will be available to the regional midwifery forum group). Posters were designed to raise women's awareness of continence issues.

5. Latent Phase of Labour Update

- Kate Morse updated the group on the progress that they made with their work on the Latent Phase of Labour. The group met again today and have almost finished the document, the references need revising and Kate will do this. The document will then be circulated amongst the latent phase of labour group for confirmation of content. Then the document will be distributed to the regional midwifery forum group for comments and feedback. The latent phase group will then discuss any feedback and make any amendments needed. The final draft will then be presented to the regional HOM's.
PMcG pointed out that each unit will interpret the guidelines differently and suggested that this is included in the introduction of the document.

Kate Morse

6. Future topics for discussion The group discussed suggestions

- **MUST Survey** – malnutrition and low BMI.
- **Why Mothers Die** – It is nearly a year since the document was produced and it was suggested the group re-visit the recommendations to ascertain how many have been implemented into clinical practice across the region.
- **The care of women with a BMI >30** – Discuss regional variations and review any local initiatives. Nicky Speakman (Russell's Hall) is looking to

Nicky Speakman

set up an antenatal clinic for women with a BMI >30. This is to prepare them for weight loss after pregnancy and to help prevent them from putting on more weight during pregnancy. Pat asked Nicky if she would feedback to the group as the clinic develops.

- **Obesity/Nutrition/Diet** – Discussion ensued as to variances in practice; it was felt by those present that there is potential to develop this subject further.
- Pat asked the group to think about other local initiatives aimed at improving practice and asked for volunteers to do a 10-15 minute talk.

All

7. Any Other Business

- Please make a note in your diaries of all the meeting dates for 2006
10th January, 7th March, 2nd May, 4th July, 12th September & 7th November

8. Date and Time of next meeting

- Tuesday 10th January 2006 at **1pm** (lunch available from 12.30pm)
Venue: The Perinatal Institute, Crystal Court, Birmingham