

minutes

V 0.4

Subject: Care of Burns in Scotland (COBIS) Steering Group Meeting
File ref: K:\09 PCF\NSD\NMCNs & NMDNs\Networks\COBIS\Steering Group\Mins\
Author: Mr Richard Crawford
Date: Thursday 21st February 2019
 Perth Royal Infirmary

Present:

Mr Richard Crawford	Programme Support Officer	National Services Scotland
Mr Alan Curnier	Consultant Plastic Surgeon	NHS Grampian
Dr Julie Freeman (via VC)	Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia	NHS Lothian
Dr Charlotte Gilhooly	Consultant in Anaesthesia	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Ms. Roselynn Kennedy	Deputy Charge Nurse	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Mrs Valerie McIntosh	Senior Charge Nurse	NHS Grampian
Ms Sharon Ramsay	Paediatric Nurse Specialist	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Mrs Lisa Stewart	Programme Manager	National Services Scotland
Mr Ian Taggart	Consultant Plastic Surgeon	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Mr James Thom (via T/C)	Data Analyst	Information Management Service, National Services Scotland
Mr Stuart Watson	Consultant Plastic Surgeon (Lead Clinician and Chair)	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Apologies:

Dr Lisa Black	Consultant - Emergency Medicine	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Dr Rebecca Crawford	Consultant Clinical Psychologist	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr Murray Geddes	Clinical Lead for Critical Care	NHS Lothian
Dr Julie Gordon	Consultant - Emergency Medicine	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Ms Jacqui Ivison	Charge Nurse	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Mrs Heather James	Deputy Charge Nurse	NHS Lothian
Mrs Claire Lawrie	Programme Manager	National Services Scotland
Mr Peter Lindle	Consultant Paramedic	Scottish Ambulance Service
Dr James McBrayne	Consultant, Critical Care & Anaesthesia	NHS Grampian
Mr Kaz Rahman	Consultant Plastic Surgeon	NHS Grampian
Ms Samantha Seeds	Station Manager	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Mrs Alexandra Speirs	Senior Programme Manager	National Services Scotland
Mr Stuart Waterston	Consultant Plastic Surgeon	NHS Tayside

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mr Stuart Watson Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde



Chair	Professor Elizabeth Ireland
Chief Executive	Colin Sinclair
Director	Fiona Murphy

NHS National Services Scotland is the common name of the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service

(Lead Clinician and Chair) welcomed all to the meeting. Round the table introductions were provided. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Minutes from previous meeting (12.11.2018)

Minutes from the previous meeting which took place on the 12th November 2018, were approved by the group as an accurate record.

3. Clinical Audit System Highlight Report

Mr James Thom (Data Analyst, Information Management Service, National Services Scotland) presented the latest Clinical Audit System (CAS) Highlight Report, which was to be included in the 2018-19 Annual Report. He highlighted where data was missing and provided CAS users with Community Health Index (CHI) numbers to help trace information.

Dr Alan Curnier (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Grampian) advised that data from the paediatric service in NHS Grampian was not up to date. Mr Watson suggested it would be helpful to split the adult and paediatric service data to highlight gaps in data submission.

Dr Charlotte Gilhooly (Consultant in Anaesthesia, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) and Mr Thom had met to review the data and to work on improving one year of complete data (from 01.04.2017-31.03.2018).

Dr Julie Freeman (Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia, NHS Lothian) stated she was unsure whether she had received the latest Highlight Report. Mr Thom noted it would be useful if one CAS user from each burns unit acknowledged receipt of the report.

Mr Watson noted that Mr Stuart Waterston (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Tayside) had reported that NHS Tayside data was on an excel spreadsheet and that he would benefit from support to transfer this onto CAS. Dr Gilhooly advised that, at the COBIS Data Group meeting in October 2018, Mr Thomas Reekie (Plastic Surgeon, Greater Glasgow and Clyde) had offered to help burns units with improving the completeness of the data.

Mr Watson requested whether it was possible to use time of injury over time of CAS entry – as this gave a more accurate picture of when patients were admitted to hospital. Mr Thom reported that the data on time of entry was more readily available but agreed to alter the way the data was presented.

Dr Gilhooly noted the two most important pieces of data were the date of injury and the Total Body Surface Area (TBSA) percentage burn.

ACTION: Mr Thom to send Highlight report to Dr Julie Freeman for review.

ACTION: Mr Thom to export excel data to CAS for the purpose of the Annual Report.

ACTION: Mr Watson to contact Mr Stuart Waterston in relation to NHS Tayside data.

ACTION: Mr Thom to amend time of data entry to time of injury.

ACTION: Mrs Valerie McIntosh (Senior Charge Nurse, NHS Grampian) to approach Senior Charge Nurse in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary regarding submission of paediatric service data.

4. Burns Service Model

Mr Watson updated the group on progress with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's stage 3 application for a national burns hub. He advised that clinicians still had concerns that the paediatric service was not able to provide the best service for staff and patients.

Mrs Lisa Stewart (Programme Manager, National Services Scotland) reported her understanding had been that the North of Scotland Planning Group had supported burns units to continue in both NHS Grampian and NHS Tayside. It was acknowledged that to maintain 3 facilities (including NHS Lothian) would require ongoing education and training to meet the UK National Burn Care Standards.

Mr Watson noted his concern over instances where the adult burns unit in NHS Lothian had been closed several times over a six month period when patients required to be transferred to Glasgow. He had understood this was owing to staffing levels. It was agreed that it would be helpful to communicate through the network when a burns unit is closed to patient admissions for a temporary period.

Mrs Macintosh noted that she had negotiated to retain one bed for burns in her ward at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary at all times in order to respond to need. The group identified that better representation at the COBIS Steering Group meetings was essential to work together on ensuring continuity of burns services.

Dr Freeman advised that she had understood from ScotSTAR that all paediatric burns patients were being transferred to Glasgow but this does not reflect the current referral process. Patients from NHS Grampian and NHS Tayside should still be transferred to NHS Lothian according to the burns flowchart. It was agreed that the current referral routes should be clearer on the COBIS website.

ACTION: Mr Richard Crawford (Programme Support Officer, National Services Scotland) to ensure the current burns referral Flow Chart is clear on the COBIS website.

ACTION: All burns units to ensure medical and nursing representation at COBIS Steering Group meetings.

5. National Burn Care Standards

Mr Watson had circulated the UK National Burn Care Standards to the Steering Group and invited each burns unit to assess against the requirements for a burns facility.

Mr Watson reported that the adult burns unit in Glasgow met most of the requirements for the national hub but failed to meet the requirements for the burns rota for on-call consultants.

It was acknowledged that burns units should be providing dedicated rehabilitation services at local level, closer to the patient's home, but that this was a challenge for staff to maintain skills and knowledge. Mrs McIntosh noted that one of the benefits of the newly established Major Trauma Centre in the North of Scotland had been the improved access to rehabilitation services that had been shared with burns services.

Mr Ian Taggart (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) suggested there was value in carrying out site visits to peer review the burns units against the national standards.

ACTION: Mrs Stewart to include peer review site visits on the 2019-20 COBIS workplan.

ACTION: Dr Julie Freeman agreed to participate in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's review of adult services to be carried out by a representative from the British Burns Association in 2019.

6. Clinical Guidelines

Mrs Stewart advised that all the COBIS clinical guidelines required review and transfer onto the new National Services Division template. It was agreed to keep each individual adult guideline as a separate guideline. Mr Watson offered to review the content of all current guidelines.

The group discussed the COBIS Adult Guideline on Fluid Resuscitation as there had been suggested changes to practice. Dr Gilhooly offered to circulate the latest guidance. Mr Watson suggested the Steering Group participated in a one hour meeting to review the guidance.

ACTION: Mr Crawford to send out calendar invite to Steering Group (to follow the Steering Group meeting) to review the Adult Guideline on Fluid Resuscitation.

ACTION: Dr Freeman to review the Paediatric Guideline on Fluid Resuscitation.

ACTION: Mrs Stewart to forward clinical guidelines to Mr Watson for review.

7. Patient Information

Mrs Stewart informed the group that the Communication and Engagement Group suggested developing a single Patient Information Leaflet on burns for use across Scotland. She thanked the group for providing current information.

ACTION: Mrs Stewart to progress collation of current burns patient information.

8. 2019-20 Workplan

Mrs Stewart circulated the draft 2019-20 COBIS workplan for discussion and comment. She advised that the draft Annual Report would be forwarded to Mr Watson for his review in the next couple of weeks.

ACTION: Mrs Stewart to forward the Annual Report to Mr Watson for review.

9. COBIS Conference 2019

Mrs Stewart updated group on the COBIS 2019 Conference on the 26th- 27th June, reporting that feedback from the 2017 event informed this year's programme. The conference was being delivered in collaboration with the Scottish Trauma Network and the Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network. Details of individual presentations were to be discussed further at the Education Group. Day 2 of the programme was focusing on mass casualty planning.

ACTION: Mr Crawford to request posters for this event when the Steering Group minutes are issued.

10. Communication and Engagement Group

As Chair, Mrs Sharon Ramsay (Paediatric Nurse Specialist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) provided an update on progress made by the group. She reported on the links being established with a range of Youth Groups with the aim of developing a youth campaign to raise awareness of fire risks.

The Scottish Burned Children's Club has been working with families to seek views on the COBIS website information and resources.

11. Education Group

Mrs Stewart gave apologies from Dr Rebecca Crawford (Consultant Clinical Psychologist, NHS greater Glasgow and Clyde) as Chair and advised the Education Group was meeting that afternoon.

12. Any Other Business

Mr Watson advised that the network had been collaborating with The Scottish Burned Children's Club on a firework campaign to raise awareness of the risks. It was noted that there had been an increase of this type of injury in the last two years in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Mr Watson asked the group if any other burns units had noticed an increase in admissions.

ACTION: Burns units to review local data on injury by firework.

Mr Watson discussed a recent case when a patient in NHS Tayside had been refused a transfer to the burns unit in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The group reviewed the case and agreed that referrals should be consultant to consultant to ensure the appropriate action was taken.

Date of next meetings: Thursday 23rd May and Thursday 31st October (venues to be confirmed).