

minutes

COBIS Steering Group

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Confirmed Attendance:

Mr David McGill	Lead Clinician (Chair)	NHS National Services Scotland
Ms Claire Gardiner	Chair	Scottish Burned Children's Club
Dr Murray Geddes	Clinical Lead for Critical Care	NHS Lothian
Ms Julie Gordon	Consultant, A&E	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Ms Jennifer Greenhowe	Consultant Plastic Surgeon	NHS Grampian
Mr Gavin Hallford	Data Analyst, IMS	NHS National Services Scotland
Ms Jacqui Ivison	Senior Charge Nurse, Burns Unit,	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Dr Kim Kirkwood	Clinical Psychologist	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Dr James MacBrayne	Consultant – Critical Care & Anaesthesia	NHS Grampian
Ms Deborah McCallum	Surgical Nurse Practitioner, Plastic Surgery	NHS Fife
Dr Chris McGovern	CT1, Acute Division Wide functions	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Mrs Valerie McIntosh	Ward Sister, Plastics	NHS Grampian
Ms Kirsty Munro	Consultant, Plastic Surgery	NHS Tayside
Dr Lia Paton	Consultant In Intensive care and Anaesthesia	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Mr Kaz Rahman	Consultant, Plastics	NHS Grampian
Mrs Sharon Ramsay	Paediatric Nurse Specialist	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Mr Alastair Turner	Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, PICU	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Mr Richie Crawford	Programme Support Officer (Minutes)	NHS National Services Scotland
Mr Jamie Nimmo	Programme Manager	NHS National Services Scotland

Confirmed Apologies:

Mr Hilal Bahia	Consultant, Plastic & Burns	NHS Lothian
Dr Lisa Black	Consultant, Emergency Medicine	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Mrs Angela Harris	Head of Scotland	Changing Faces
Mr Stuart Watson	Clinical Director for Plastic Surgery	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde



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 Chief Executive
 Director
 Keith Redpath
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1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Mr David McGill (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, COBIS Lead Clinician and Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Minutes & Actions from the Last Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting, which took place on the 21st January 2021 were approved by the group as an accurate record.

3. Update from Data Group

Mr McGill invited Dr Lia Paton (Consultant in Intensive Care and Anaesthesia, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde) to give an update on behalf of the Data Group.

Dr Paton began by giving an update on the ongoing project regarding the COBIS Clinical Audit System (CAS) User Survey that the Data Group had been working on. She advised that the survey had been sent round the members of the COBIS community to complete. The purpose of the survey was to look for ways that the CAS could be improved and what content users would like to see going forward. The closing date of the questionnaire was extended to the 14th May 2021 to allow additional responses from Steering Group members.

The Data Group have also been looking at creating a 'Research Instruction Guide' for those that were looking to carry out any projects on the back of the data available through the CAS.

The quarterly highlight reports continue to be issued by Mr Gavin Hallford (Data Analyst, Information Management Services, National Services Scotland) and will highlight any data that is required to be updated. Dr Paton advised that it would take a bit of time to work out the common themes and that the analysis would take place over the course of the summer.

Mr Jamie Nimmo (Programme Manager, NHS National Services Scotland) advised the group that the COBIS Annual Report was due to be published at the end of May and would include a more detailed breakdown of the data highlights for the year.

Dr Paton advised that both adult and paediatric burns data is recorded on the CAS. Ms Munro advised that NHS Tayside data was not currently up-to-date as she was the only person inputting the data and there was a backlog.

Mr Hallford presented on the data that had been extracted for the Annual Report. Mr McGill advised that the data currently shown for NHS Tayside may not be a true reflection, as there was still the data previously mentioned by Ms Munro to be entered. Ms Munro advised that for the year, Tayside had seen 112 burns patients, a third of which were paediatric cases. Mr Hallford advised that nothing is set in stone and data reporting would be built on the advice of the group.

Mr Christopher McGovern (CT1, Acute Division Wide functions, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde) advised that he had been working alongside Mr Hallford with the data and had picked up on an anomaly regarding patient ethnicity. Mr McGovern advised the group the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) population of Scotland totals around 4% and that the recorded number of burns injuries for this population on the CAS is around 9%. Both children and adults from an ethnic minority background appear to be at a higher risk of burns injuries. This could also link in with areas of deprivation, but would need to be fully analysed. Dr Paton acknowledged that this could be reported on, as the data is already collected, and suggested discussing this offline.

Mr Hallford advised that there was data held in the CAS on ethnicity and that this could be cross-referenced with deprivation scores. Mr McGill agreed that there may be a deprivation

link, as well as cultural differences on how different communities deal with this type of injury. It was common that injuries were found to have occurred through sitting and eating on the floor in family gatherings. Mrs Sharon Ramsay (Paediatric Nurse Specialist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde) advised that many families from ethnic minority backgrounds were reluctant to engage with any support groups, including the Scottish Burned Children's Club (SBCC). Mrs Ramsay noted that ethnicity was now going to be monitored on the referral form to the SBCC in order to try and improve referral and uptake numbers. Dr Paton suggested that if any group members would like to be involved in the conversations regarding this topic then they could email her. Ms Jennifer Greenhowe (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Grampian) confirmed that NHS Grampian have seen the same high numbers of ethnic minority groups with burns injuries.

Mr Kaz Rahman (Consultant, Plastics, NHS Grampian) advised the group that he engaged a lot in the Bangladeshi community in Scotland. He advised that COVID had highlighted what support regarding medical conditions was available to ethnic minorities and the challenges that they face. He suggested that this was something that COBIS could be more involved in.

Ms Greenhowe advised that NHS Grampian had been using a data collection proforma, which had been shared with the other boards, but acknowledged that it would be a slow process encouraging the use of the form. Dr Paton thanked Ms Greenhowe for sharing the data collection form and the work put in by the team in NHS Grampian.

Mr Nimmo wanted to thank Mr Hallford for all the hard work that had gone in to preparing the data analysis for the quarterly reports and Annual Report.

ACTION: Mr Richard Crawford (Programme Support Officer, NHS National Services Scotland) to recirculate the COBIS CAS User Questionnaire round Steering Group members.

ACTION: Mr Hallford to add the number of patients to each bar for the 'age group against TBSA' slide to give an indication of how many patients there were per grouping.

ACTION: Dr Paton, Mrs Ramsay and Mr McGovern to catch up to discuss how to progress the ethnic minority data and how it is recorded going forward.

ACTION: Any group members who would like to be involved in the research conversations regarding burns and ethnicity to contact Dr Paton.

4. UK National Burns Care Standards

Mr McGill advised that he had previously worked on the National Burns Standards with Mr Watson, with plans to carry out reciprocal reviews around Scotland to identify any areas for improvement. With the current impact of COVID-19 this had been placed on hold. It was looking likely that this would be pushed out to 2022 as units caught up on post-COVID work. It would be prudent to go through the standards again prior to any face-to-face visits.

5. National Burns Service Review

Mr McGill advised the group that the National Burns Service had now been agreed at Board level and that the financial case had been agreed. This would now go to the Scottish Government for final sign-off. It had been anticipated that there would be delays while it goes through this process, but is fully expected to be given the go-ahead.

Talks would need to be held with the National Services Division (NSD) with regard to timescales of the commencement of the National Burns Service and it was likely that it could be mid-2022 before the service could be fully operational. Former COBIS Chair, Mr Stuart Watson (Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde) would be retiring in 2022 and would need to be replaced. Two additional surgeons with an interest in burns would also need to be recruited. This would take the number of surgeons for the new national centre in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to five, to run a more effective on-call service for burns. This would also bring support for the ICU in Glasgow.

Dr Paton welcomed this news and noted that the new national centre would require more side rooms. Dr Paton also agreed that the timeline on mid-2022 was realistic. Mr McGill advised that cases would still be referred and transferred to Glasgow on an individual basis in the meantime.

Mr McGill confirmed that there were very few major paediatric burns (30% + TBSA) cases per year in Scotland. There were three patients from April to December in 2020 with burns over 10% treated in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

6. Review of Workplan

Mr Nimmo advised the group that he would distribute the 2021-22 workplan to the group along with the Steering Group minute and requested any feedback to come through the COBIS mailbox. He advised that the workplan would be signed off at the COBIS Annual Performance Review 2021.

Action: Mr Nimmo to distribute the 2021-22 Workplan to Steering Group members.

7. Update from Education Group

Mr McGill updated members on the latest developments from the Education Group, in the absence of Mr Hilal Bahia (Consultant, Plastic & Burns, NHS Lothian).

Mr McGill began by advising that a 'Hold the Date' had been issued for the Annual Education Event that would be held on the 17th November 2021. A timetable for this was currently being worked on and an update would be provided at the next meeting. There would be a session provided on support and aftercare from a psychological perspective and the services offered by third sector partners. Speakers had been approached and would be confirmed in due course.

The regional hosting of the burns training would commence with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, with NHS Lothian, NHS Grampian and NHS Tayside following on. This would be done on a quarterly basis with the focus on local Emergency Departments, but would be open to anyone. The dates were yet to be confirmed and would be issued in due course.

It was noted that there are a number of third party patient information leaflets on the COBIS website and that these were in need of updating/replacing. This would be a project for the year ahead and will involve junior members of staff from each unit, reviewing, amending and updating accordingly.

A new 'non-accidental injury' tab has been added to the home page of the COBIS website and will be updated on an ongoing basis with guidelines, information and useful resources.

Dr James MacBrayne (Consultant – Critical Care & Anaesthesia, NHS Grampian) advised that Grampian were currently looking to upskill critical care staff and enquired whether the Burns Management e-learning module was free to all, as he would like to promote this to staff to complete. Mr Nimmo confirmed that access was free to all those associated with COBIS and that access was available through the COBIS website. Ms Munro requested a breakdown by board to see how many staff had gone through the training. Mr Nimmo advised that this data would be available in the Annual Report. Ms Munro also advised that there was currently a project being carried out by the trainees in Dundee around toxic shock. A poster was being created for the Accident & Emergency departments. Mr McGill suggested that it would be good to share the case this was based on at the National Burns Audit in 2022. NHS Tayside had carried out an audit looking at toxic shock in the region and Ms Munro would share the outcome of this audit.

ACTION: Ms Munro to share the audit data carried out by NHS Tayside on toxic shock with Steering Group members.

8. Update from Comms & Engagement Group

Mr McGill invited Mrs Ramsay to give an update on behalf of the Communications and Engagement Group.

Mrs Ramsay advised the Steering Group on the following:

- The Scottish Burned Children's Club (SBCC) leaflets had been translated into 10 languages and were now available.
- A live referral form to the SBCC was available on the COBIS website that parents could complete.
- The Accident & Emergency posters were complete and these can be requested via the COBIS network team and posted out.
- The Twitter calendar was now complete with significant dates earmarked.
- Changing Faces 'Face Equality Week' would begin next week

Mr Nimmo advised that over the course of the next year, COBIS would be looking to achieve 12 referrals or more, from three different Health Boards to the SBCC. Previously they have solely come through Glasgow. Ms Claire Gardiner (Chair, SBCC) thanked everyone on behalf of the SBCC for all the work that COBIS had put into helping to get the referral form and translations in place.

9. Any Other Business

Mr McGill informed that group that discussions had taken place with Mr Nimmo regarding the National Burns Service and whether there would be a requirement for COBIS to continue in tandem with this. It was noted that the network would be reviewed on an annual basis. Mr McGill felt strongly that it would be to the benefit of both that they continue in parallel. The Steering Group members all agreed with this. Mr McGill expressed his concerns that the decommissioning of COBIS could disincentivise the other units to be involved, which may put extra pressure on Glasgow.

Ms Gardiner advised that due to COVID, the SBCC would not be holding a summer camp this year. They may look at something online to try and do something for their members even if it was for a couple of hours a day over several days. They were also looking at the possibility of having a day out in September.

Mr Crawford showed Steering Group members the new COBIS branding that had been created earlier in the year. This was well received and going forward would be used in communications materials.

Mr Crawford also advised the group about the previously mentioned 'Face Equality Week', running from 17th – 21st May and the following week would be National BBQ Week, both of which would be tweeted about. Mr Crawford asked group members if they had any items or articles for the COBIS Newsletter to forward them on.

10. Next Meeting

Next Steering Group Meeting will be Thursday 9th September 2021