

Scottish Child Health Commissioners' Group

Note of meeting held on 7 February 2007
Conference Room C & D,
St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

Present:

Charles Clark (Chair)	NHS Lanarkshire
Sally Amor (Vice Chair)	NHS Highland
Jim Carle	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Harden Carter	NHS Lothian
Kathy Collins	NHS National Services Scotland
Sarah Corcoran	SEHD, Child and Maternal Health Division
Sarah Gledhill	SEHD, Child and Maternal Health Division
Rosie Ilett	SEHD, Child and Maternal Health Division
Anne Leigh- Brown	Information Services, NHS National Services Scotland
Catriona Macdonald	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Caroline Mackie	NHS Tayside
Zelda Mathewson	NHS Tayside
Jennifer Milligan	NHS Dumfries & Galloway
Maxine Moy	NHS Fife
Cathy Orr	NHS Lothian

Welcome and apologies

Charles Clark opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Apologies were received from –

Ian Bashford	SEHD
Jim Chalmers	Information Services, NHS National Services Scotland
Emelin Collier	NHS Western Isles
Lorraine Currie	NHS Grampian
Graham Foster	NHS Forth Valley
Morgan Jamieson	SEHD, Child and Maternal Health Division
Ralph Roberts	NHS Borders
Robert Stevenson	SEHD, Child and Maternal Health Division
Gail Thomson	NHS Grampian

In attendance:

Margaret McGuire SEHD, Nursing Officer

Children's Nursing Review

Charles welcomed Margaret McGuire, Nursing Officer in the Health Department, to the meeting and invited her to talk to the Group on developments on the review of children's nursing.

Mags informed the Group that the report on the review of children's nursing had issued last year and received a very mixed reaction. However, Mags advised that things had moved forward and implementation was not going to be the way it was initially interpreted. Implementation was going forward in 4 sites (Borders, Lothian, Tayside and Highland), although not necessarily the same model in all sites. These areas will get a project lead, and the Director of Nursing for all areas will be involved in the evaluation.

Mags advised that the initial piece of work was never meant to look at children's nursing and they were in the process of commissioning a piece of work on mapping out nursing in the community setting. This piece of work would be specific to children's nursing and the tender process was now complete. The work would be led by Professor James Law at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh. In summary, Mags advised that the work would include:

- 1 Extensive literature review.
- 2 Pilot sites to be considered and then activity to map
- 3 Makes sense to use the same Boards as before – but this is still a proposal.
- 4 Aim to finish and report by end summer.
- 5 Take forward other issues.

Charles advised that one of the major concerns that Commissioners have about the new model of nursing sits with issues around Getting it Right for Every Child, which requires concentrated expert advice. There was much support from the Group with the proposal of staying with the 4 sites already being used, although Maxine thought there could be difficulty in engaging with areas if the focus continued to be on the same areas. Mags agreed to update the Group further, later in the year.

Action Point – Mags agreed to attend a future meeting later in the year to keep Commissioners up to date with developments.

Update of the CHC standard job description and work plan/ Proposal for CHC Awayday

Charles asked the Group to consider the benefits of a 2 day meeting to discuss the role and future of the Child Health Commissioners Group. There was much support from the Group

for this proposal and it was agreed to have the 2 day meeting on the 14th and 15th June. Sally Amor suggested holding the meeting in Aviemore and inviting members of the Highland Pathfinder team to present to the Group.

CAMHS

Rosie advised the Group that responsibility for policy lead in the Executive on CAMHS had now transferred to Mental Health Division. Whilst this might be complex initially, Rosie considered this a positive step as capacity in Mental Health Division is greater than in the Child and Maternal Health Division, and Geoff Huggins team are the lead on the Mental Health Delivery Plan which reinforces CAMHS.

Despite this, there was concern from members of the Group that policy on CAMHS would no longer sit with the Child and Maternal Health Division. Charles summarised that the Group were keen to hang on to the principles of the Action Framework – the size of vision appeals to Child Health Commissioners and local authority partners alike. Charles indicated that he would like CAMHS to be a standing item on the Agenda of future Commissioner meetings.

Rosie further advised that continuity in the Scottish Executive would remain as Derek Feeley is Director of both the Child and Maternal Health Division and Mental Health Division. Members agreed that Denise Coia, Psychiatric Adviser in the Health Department, Alex McMahon who leads on mental health delivery in Mental Health Division and Julia White of the Scottish Development Council should be invited to a future meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting held on 22 November 2006

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd November 2006 were accepted as an accurate record. All approved minutes and relevant papers are available to view on the Children and Young People's Health Support Group (CYPHSG) website at www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/cyphsg. Website is now updated and past papers are available to view.

Matters arising

Update on CHAS

- 1 Jim Carle had produced a draft SLA – currently with CHAS
- 2 Jim hoped to have the draft SLA for the next CHC meeting
- 3 SLA should be agreed by all CHCs before going to Boards
- 4 Any new developments for CHAS would come to CHCs.

Charles thanked Jim for the update and also thanked Caroline Mackie for finding out the Chief Executive position, and circulating recently to the CHC Group.

Pandemic flu Charles wondered if other Commissioners had experienced difficulties when trying to get children's services treated differently from other services. Some Commissioners agreed that their areas were not considering children separately from the rest of the population. However, Kathy Collins advised that NSD were quite geared up, and were considering how pandemic flu would affect paediatric intensive care and the best ways to

cope with this. Consideration was being given to concentrating paediatric intensive care in one area, although there would be issues with travelling. All agreed it was quite a challenge. Jennifer Milligan advised that Dumfries & Galloway were adopting treatment protocols for pandemic flu, and Sally Amor asked if these could be shared with the Group.

UPDATE – Paediatric pandemic flu plan for Dumfries & Galloway Circulated to the Group on 9 May 2007.

Action Framework for Children and Young People’s Health in Scotland

Sarah advised that a publication date for the Action Framework for Children and Young People’s Health in Scotland had not yet been confirmed, but it looked likely that Ministers would not be launching the Framework.

Members of the Group were very disappointed that there would not be a Ministerial launch of the Framework, especially given the amount of work that had gone into it. There was some discussion about whether the Framework should be delayed until later in the year when a Ministerial launch would be more likely, but delaying the Framework was not considered the best option by all members of the Group. Charles suggested that as a Group, the Child Health Commissioners could issue a statement saying how much they welcome the Framework.

Representation of Child Health Commissioners on other Groups

Charles advised that he was not aware of any further requests to commissioners to sit on Groups. Charles informed members that all papers for meetings relating to the Children and Young People’s Health Support Group (CYPHSG) Specialist Groups are available to view and download on website <http://www.specialchildrensservices.scot.nhs.uk>.

Age Appropriate Care Working Group – telephone survey

Sarah updated members on the proposed telephone survey for Child Health Commissioners from the National Steering Group for Specialist Children’s Services on Age Appropriate Care. The Group – chaired by Morgan Jamieson – planned to issue the survey at the end of March to Commissioners; this would then be followed up by a phone call from Morgan Jamieson at an agreed date and time. Alternatively, Commissioners can complete and return a hard copy to Sarah.

Update – Charles Clark and Graham Foster have agreed to pilot the telephone survey in their areas.

AOB

Kathy Collins updated the Group on work ongoing on HDU. Data is going into the database, and although there was currently a huge backlog, they were very grateful for the information.

Kathy also advised the Group of a Cystic Fibrosis bid received from Ken Mitchell. This was at the very earliest stages, and would be looked at during the next financial year. Only going to consider resourcing acute, not ongoing care. Kathy advised that there might be funding to

resource the administrative costs of the network.

Date and venue of future meetings

The next meeting of the Group will be held over 2 days, Thursday 14 – Friday 15 June 2007 in Aviemore at the Macdonald resort.

Due to the away day on 14/ 15 June 2007, the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9th May 2007 has been cancelled.

Future meetings

A further meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 August 2007 in Edinburgh.