

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARYREPORT TO THE HEALTHCARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGHELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2012

Subject	Summary report of Children and Young People (CYP) Treated at STH including the results of the Audit of Children Cared for in Adult Areas
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Status¹	N

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To outline the current position in respect of the care of CYP within Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT).

KEY POINTS

- Plan for a repeat of the CYP Audit
- Summary of trust wide issues including progress with solutions to specific issues
- Update on the Yorkshire and the Humber Children's Surgical Care Network (CSCN)
- Actions for STHFT arising from National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) 'Are we there yet'?
- Transition Task Group progress

IMPLICATIONS

AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017		TICK AS APPROPRIATE
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	√
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	√
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	
	CQC Outcome	1 Respecting and involving people who use services 6 Cooperating with other providers 7 Safeguarding people who use services from abuse

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Healthcare Governance Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Trust Executive Group	12.09.12	
CYP Group	19.09.12	
Clinical Management Board	21.09.12	
Healthcare Governance Committee	24.09.12	
Nursing Executive Group	27.09.12	
Operational Board Management Briefing	04.03.12	

¹ Status: A = Approval
A* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval
D = Debate
N = Note

1.0 Introduction

Within the Trust there are areas dedicated to the care and treatment of CYP; the Neonatal Unit, the Obstetric Service; the Teenage Cancer Unit (16 to 24 years) within Weston Park Hospital, Haematology in patient facilities for Teenage and Young Adults (16 to 24 years) beds within ward P3 in the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and the adult Cystic Fibrosis ward (from 16 years).

The planned upgrade to the facilities for young people (YP) (16 to 24 years) in the O Floor out patient area for Haematology and Rheumatology patients has been completed. The facility is now being used to provide an appropriate environment for day case treatment and out patient consultations.

The Teenage Cancer Unit in Weston Park Hospital will undergo a refurbishment programme during the autumn of 2012.

Repeat of the audit of the Care of CYP within STHFT

The care of CYP, who for the purpose of this paper are defined as those from 0 to 18 years of age, is closely governed by a series of standards and legislation.

The Department of Health (DH) published an update of the You're Welcome (2011) toolkit, a toolkit of standards for both hospital and community services to create a young person friendly service delivered by appropriately trained staff in a suitable environment. Due to the significant overlap with the Trust audit tool a review of the criteria has been undertaken by the Lead Nurse for CYP. The CYP tool has been updated to include relevant criteria from the revised You're Welcome audit tool. A further audit of the care of CYP across the 9 care groups will be scheduled from October 2012 then 3 yearly thereafter.

Trust wide issues

On a Trust wide basis an area that requires further work is the provision of a breastfeeding facility for patients and visitors to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital (RHH). An area has been identified on D Floor adjacent to the dining area and to a nearby baby changing facility. A charitable funding bid is to be submitted to provide screening, comfortable chairs, a table and signage for the area.

A specific programme of undertaking a Real Time Monitoring Picker electronic survey in clinical specialities for CYP has been facilitated by volunteers with the Patient Partnership Department. For each participating Directorate, 10 generic and 10 specialty specific questions are included in each survey. Feedback was obtained from 297 respondents who attended 17 different OPD clinics in the period May 2011 to February 2012. In March 2012 a summary report of the findings was produced from a range of clinical specialities including Renal, Ante natal clinic (teenage clinic), Rheumatology, Ophthalmology and Charles Clifford Dental Hospital.

Overall positive feedback was received in the majority of areas. The majority of respondents reported that they found staff at their appointment helpful and friendly (95%); they were allowed to talk as much as they wanted in their own language without being interrupted (94%). Over 90% of respondents felt they had enough time to talk about their health or medical problem at their appointment although only 77% reported they had enough time to talk to the Midwife in the teenage clinic. The reason why a test was needed was well explained to Dental (100%) and Rheumatology (100%) patients and to most of the respondents in other specialities (94%). Letters sent from the clinic was found most helpful by those attending Rheumatology clinic (80%); this was less so in Renal clinic (51%) although some patients found the letter fairly helpful (23%). For those attending the Ophthalmology clinic there was enough to do for their age group whilst waiting (81%) although in the Renal clinic (51%) this was less so.

Across all specialties taking part in the survey nine out of 10 patients (88%) definitely wanted family and friends to attend the same clinic as them if they needed similar care. Each specialty has used the information to further develop their services for these patients. It is intended to repeat a similar survey during 2012/13 and to expand the survey across other clinical specialities.

Yorkshire and the Humber Children's Surgical Care Network (CSCN)

In February 2012 the CSCN was set up as a collaborative partnership between service providers and commissioners which encompasses both Children's Surgery and Anaesthesia service provision in Yorkshire and the Humber.

The role of the Network Board will be to provide the strategic direction for the development and delivery of children's surgical care services and oversee the work of all sub-groups set up to deliver the objectives of the network, delivered through the annual work programme.

An initial meeting held in March 2012 was attended by the Deputy Chief Nurse.

Subsequently a summary of surgical activity for children aged less than 16 years of age undertaken at STHFT for 2011/12 was submitted alongside data from other service providers of paediatric surgery for 0 to 16 years olds.

Future meetings will be attended by the Lead Nurse CYP. At the June meeting the data collected to date was reviewed with a plan for a further meeting in September 2012 for those hospitals providing paediatric surgery. This will not include STHFT due to the low volume of children's surgical activity in the Trust.

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD)

'Are we there yet'? A review of clinical and organisational aspects of children's surgery

NCEPOD published a report in November 2011 of their study into child deaths following surgery that included a self assessment tool to review practice against the report's recommendations for clinical practice.

Overall there was good compliance with the standards due to previous work that has been completed in the Trust. Many of the NCEPOD criteria have already been met e.g. all general anesthetic procedures for children are recorded on ORMIS (theatre recording system); pathways are in place to provide paediatric staff for Stereotactic Radiosurgery and exceptional neurosurgical cases involving children.

Progress is underway with the action plan that has been devised for STHFT. Actions include:

- An audit to identify in STHFT that those who undertake surgery personally obtain the consent for children less than 16 years of age was completed by the Lead Nurse for CYP in liaison with the Clinical Audit and Effectiveness unit in May 2012. The STHFT Risk Manager is currently reviewing the recommendations prior to sharing the report with clinicians.
- An operational policy for the provision of surgery for children for relevant specialties is being devised.
- The STHFT CYP policy 2012 has been updated to include advice that CYP should be operated on at the beginning of theatre lists.

Service Development – Transition

A briefing paper outlining the progress of work being undertaken across the Trust and through the STHFT Transition Task Group was presented to TEG in August 2011.

A stock take of existing transition clinics within STHFT has been reviewed and was updated in June 2012 and is accessible on the CYP intranet site. The Transition Task Group continues to meet quarterly to develop and implement transitional care guidance.

To further support staff education and ongoing improvements for young people during transition, an in-house study day was held on 21 June 2012 in the Medical Education Centre at the Northern General Hospital. Some young people and their parents presented their experiences of transition. In addition there were presentations and a series of workshops. Each care group was represented amongst the 70 attendees that also included colleagues from Sheffield Children's Hospital (SCH).

The study day evaluated extremely well and each attendee identified at least one change that they planned to take away and implement in their area of practice to make improvements to the arrangements for transition e.g. set up a transition clinic using learning from the SD; several attendees stated that they would start to use the HEADSS assessment in clinic (a checklist to ensure that questions are asked of each young person in relation to **H**ome, **E**ducation and employment, **A**ctivities, **D**rugs, **S**exuality and **S**uicide and depression); set up a formal transition pathway with SCH colleagues.

The proposed changes will be monitored three monthly to review what progress has been made to implement the identified improvements. As this study day and the event from 2011 evaluated very positively another study day will be facilitated in June 2013 in collaboration with SCH colleagues.

Sheffield City Council (SCC) Progressions Programme Board (PPB)

The Progressions Programme has been set up by Sheffield City Council with NHS and partners to make a radical change in the way young people with both a Learning Disability and / or a Physical Disability, and their families, access and experience having their social care needs assessed and met in readiness for them attaining adulthood.

The PPB will lead a project from April 2012 to March 2014 to develop new ways of working with the identified children and families. STH is represented on the board by the Lead Nurse for CYP. A facilitated workshop involving key stakeholders was held on 22 June 2012 to progress the project. Progress with the project will be reported to the STH CYP Steering Group and Learning Disability leads in the Trust as required.

Future plans

In September 2012 an extraordinary transition meeting is planned so that the lead clinicians and senior managers from SCHFT and STHFT can discuss the on going development of transition from the SCH to the adult hospitals and services. It is envisaged that a forward plan can be developed to rationalise the model of transition clinics across the majority of clinical specialities.

Conclusion

Due to the work undertaken during the last five years there have been considerable improvements made to enable good standards of care to be delivered to children, young people and their families who access care and treatment at STH.

However there are areas that require further work; namely transition for young people to the adult hospitals and services is still being developed and particularly the transition pathway for young people with profound and multiple complex needs. Through partnership working with other agencies it is anticipated that further progress can be made to enhance the transition pathways for all young people and their families.