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POCT Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on 3 October 2019 Pathology Seminar Room

Present

Name	Title	Initials
Joanne Hodson (Chair)	Consultant Neonatal Nurse	JH
Nicola Hodges (Acting Chair)	POCT Co-ordinator	NH
Bettina Deacon	Medical Equipment Library Nurse Adviser	BD
Catherine Padget	Honorary Clinical Scientist	CP
Francesca Mills	Clinical Scientist	FM
Gaynor Bush-Alsop	Junior Sister	GB
Jacky Apps	Senior HCA	JA
Katy Lomas	Microbiology Laboratory Manager	KL
Leon Massey	Staff Nurse	LM
Melody Rich	Research Midwife	MR
Rachael Baker	Staff Nurse	RB
Rob Mackenzie-Ross	Respiratory Consultant	RMR
Susan Ware	Quality Administrator	SJW

		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Regina Brophy, Kyle Day, Andrew Georgiou, Karen Bradshaw, Esther Sweetman, Caroline Brown, Mariann Charlton, Elizabeth Reynolds, Joanne Hodson (late arrival)	
2.	Actions from previous meeting	
	1. To investigate audit ID 'cheats'. NH has audited all departments that have glucose meters (see attached chart). A target of <10% is set but many departments have exceeded this. 10% was considered to be quite a high level as emergency numbers/barcodes should only be used in a genuine emergency. It was suggested that the problem may be contributed to by non-Trust, bank/pool staff (who move between departments), or by multiple staff using the same log-in. It was noted that some staff have used photocopied barcodes! In future this should be reported to managers. JH to take to Clinical Governance meeting. Worst offenders appear to be: Pain Clinic, Urology, Violet Prince ward; followed by UTC, Wm. Budd, children's ward, Mary ward and ED. Children's ward has improved somewhat from their previous result of 60-70% misuse. ED had improved following retraining but errors seem to be on the increase again. NH to	JH

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		give reminder and continue to monitor progress.	
	2.	Investigate production of learning guide/bulletin. The use of social media was not considered to be appropriate. Regular communications can, however, be posted to the staff newsletter, 'intheweek', e.g. notices, training, audits etc. Note: further changes are to take place in 2021.	
	3.	Presentation of iQC/EQA performance trends. EQA trend analysis of BGAs was provided by NH (see attached spreadsheet/charts). This was seen as a useful visual aid and will, therefore, be sent to relevant staff on a monthly basis. Note: not all areas run all parameters; change of machine during monitoring period; any comments written on sheets relate to trend graphs. iQC not included unless problematic. Overall performance was good.	
	4.	Blood glucose monitoring to be included in induction training. NH and LM have been looking into e-learning for glucose monitoring. Amanda Gunning has put modules online; therefore, this can be excluded from induction. Access to be included to facilitate collection of barcodes. NH to investigate link for this when e-learning is active. [Blood bank already use e-learning.] Current access for e-obs uses printed labels with barcode; however, the aim is to use barcoded plastic cards in future (similar to smart card). The Trust aim is to be paperless within two years and this will include POCT.	NH
3.	Opera	tional performance	
	•	The post of POCT Co-ordinator is now substantive and NH has been appointed on a full-time, permanent contract.	
4.	Develo	opments & organisational change	
	•	PIGF testing MR gave a brief talk on PIGF (placental growth factor) testing and its role in diagnosis of problems in pregnancy, specifically pre-eclampsia. A multi-centred trial has already been carried out which showed this to be a useful tool. NHS England has given accelerated progress for RUH and Bristol. Evaluation and validation have been done and training is in progress. Other hospitals have shown an interest in taking part but RUH is the first adopt this form of testing. Information will be submitted to the communications team for entry in the staff newsletter.	
	•	E-learning module for FPP meters (See 2.4 above)	
	•	Managed equipment service (MES) tender No progress. (FM is contact.) Two contenders for BGA and glucose meters.	

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	A test day will be arranged to enable users to give input on choice.	
	Date to be advised.	
5.	Quality	
	Recent errors and incidents and trends (inc. Datix) 2 datix reports have been filed since the last meeting: 1 children's ward, 1 ED/children's ward (breakdown in communication). NH is looking into this but there is insufficient data recorded to track precisely.	
	Recent audit findings NH has recently audited use of emergency ID numbers (see 2.1 above). To continue monitoring, along with BGAs. Cleanliness around BGA in ED needs attention. Staff to be mindful and keep areas clean and tidy. This is the responsibility of the staff who use the machine, not cleaners/facilities. Clinell wipes are readily available.	NH
	Current iQC/EQA performance trending (see 2.3 above)	
	 Complaints and compliments Compliments have been received from PIGF company and from research midwife. To be added to QPulse. Project has worked well and has been implemented quickly. This is encouraging for further projects, e.g. HCGs (Jo and Katy). 	NH/SJW
	 Feedback from improvement/change projects Not discussed at this meeting. 	
6.	Training	
	Competency and training compliance Due to the huge number of staff in the group, it can be difficult to arrange training when all staff are available. It was suggested that, next year, Abbott training sessions could be based around the wards rather than having drop-in sessions. Aim is to link with e-training package in future.	
	It was noted that there have been problems with managing glucose analysis on UNIPOC since the Trust updated the servers. IT to sort issues with connectivity. Wi-Fi provision is no longer sufficient to cope. Docking stations should be used when necessary. Investment to be made in new equipment in the near future.	

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7.	AOB		
	•	NH has sent an email regarding training and competency to those who use pregnancy testing.	

Date and time of next meeting: 6 January 2020, 14:00 – 14:45

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