

Point of Care Testing Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th September 2018

Present

Name	Title	Initials
Jo Hodson	Senior Clinical Lead Nurse (Chair)	JH
Fran Mills	Principal Clinical Biochemist	FM
Sarah Goodwin	Practice Development Sister (NICU)	SG
Bettina Deacon	Medical Equipment Library Nurse	BD
	Adviser	
Helen Griffiths	Diabetes Nurse Specialist	HG
Nicola Hodges BMS2 Biochemist NH		NH
Amanda Speed	Consultant Respiratory Physician	AS
Esther Sweetman	Medical Nurse Practitioner	ES

		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Belen Espina, Rob Mackenzie-Ross, Andy Georgiou	
2.	Equipment	NH
	There are 98 FFP Glucose monitors in the Trust at a cost of £250. Current contract has another year to run but there is the possibility to extend the contract further. ES asked if there were any plans to look at meters doing more tests, there is no plan for this at the moment and it does make the tests more expensive than running them in the lab. Parry, ED, MAU and paediatrics all do ketone testing, paediatrics are to be reminded that the machine does not need to have daily QC check.	
	There is a project going on looking at the use of bedside lactate monitors. The project needs to include comparison and evaluation. This will be discussed with Lesley Jordan at end of trial.	NH
	There is to be more training on the use of capillary blood testing on gas machines. Any patient group can have a capillary blood test which can be performed on a gas machine.	INIT
3.	QPulse	JH
	Audits to date for PoCT equipment needs more vigilance and the	

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	results need reviewing. Blood science all remain fully UKAS accredited Pultney Ward no longer want or able to do Pregnancy testing. There has been some improvement in the QC of pregnancy testing in ED but monitoring needs to continue	
4.	PoCT Coordinator Nicola Hodges was congratulated on being successful with the PoCT Coordinator. She is to have 3 improvement projects, possible suggestions are	
	pregnancy testing and use of capillary tubes	FM
5.	Staff Training When reviewing training records on ESR it was noted incorrect competencies are being completed for both gas machines and blood glucose meters. Nadine Storey to be contacted to ask her to update	JH
6.	All were regarding QC of machines Datix 65626 - Pultney ward no longer have pregnancy testing equipment Datix 65625 - Unusual for Cath Lab to fail on QC Datix 65630 - There are a few problems with QC on CCU, there is only one person who can run an EQA; therefore there is a need to train others up. Also because the machine is Radiometer the lab is unable to support them. It was discussed that it may be a good idea if Nicola was trained to use the machine so she can run EQA	
7.	HG enquired about how many of the glucose meters were now wireless, 50 so far have become wireless with plans for the rest to also become wireless. NADA are reviewing data about harm from hypoglycaemic episodes. The Diabetes teams have difficulty recognizing all early morning hypos because of the docking and storing of data. DKA pathway now complete HG asked were we all now using the 5 second glucose sticks, this change over was happening but not everyone was using them yet Cardiology and Respiratory appear to have each other meters, this will be checked by NH	

Date and time of next meetings: 24th January 2019 at 2pm

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