

POCT COMMITTEE MEETING

18th January 2022 2.30pm (Teams Meeting)

Present

Name	Title	Initials
Joanne Hodson (Chair)	Consultant Neonatal Nurse	JH
Nicola Hodges	POCT Co-ordinator	NH
Rob Mackenzie	Consultant Respiratory Physician	RM
Kyle Day	Pathology Quality Manager	KD
Katy Lomas	Microbiology Lab Manager	KL
David Haughton	Senior ODP	DH
Leon Massey	Diabetes Specialist Nurse	LM
Sandra Jameson	Staff Nurse	SJ
Tracey Hope (Notetaker)	NICU Data Clerk	TH

		Action
1.	Apologies Fran Mills, Karen Bradshaw, Charlotte Harvey, Emma Trim, Vicky Smith	
2.	Actions from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last meeting not quorate so general update, no major discussion. See attached action list tracker – some actions closed & new actions added - reviewed at each meeting. JH to raise issue of additional support needed for NH with Medical Director. 	NH
3.	Operational performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £30k for community POCT connectivity roll out, to be used by end of financial year. Need a Band 6 substantive post for community support. Band 6 in community - business case in, funding directly by communities/diagnostic services is now approved. Band 6 Lab (separate to community band 6) team lead support required – KL to write job description & business case/PID (project initiation document) needed for cross divisional support. JH to look into. 	NH / KL / JH
4.	Developments & organisational change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID Now Covid – more areas supplied since September – gone out to Frome, Chippenham maternity units & to BBC, SAU & OPU. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID Now Flu - flu season not as bad as anticipated for ED & 'out of hours'. No samples, no EQA to use for validation & no standards provided (arrive end of Jan). Urinalysis meters and Software – connected in one area & one to go to maternity next week. Money from community testing to purchase testing meters. TEG manager – removed generic log in Oct '21 & a push on the training. Recent Datix, so to check log in's & training are working, as couldn't find anyone with a working log-in. DH – Teg requires a lot of training & names & barcodes aren't marrying up, & not all have barcodes. NH working through list. Blood gas machines are changing & will all come in at the same time. Managed equipment service (MES) tender – specifications /needs considered & gone to Beckman with smaller tender for POCT equipment – now in progress. – WILL NEED ENGAGEMENT from wards who currently use gas analysers regarding new equipment. Paperless projects – costings & business case in (costings to be amended) plan to get up & running this year. 	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
5.	<p>Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQA failures – to establish how many per ward. Gas analysers, no distribution in December, see if improvement end of Jan. Manufacturer not claiming fault of poor results on pO2 on ITU analysers, clinically not worried as low level, trying to resolve. Pregnancy testing on Children's ward often wrong, looking at how to improve. ID Now covid analysers operational full 12 months & no fail yet. Urinalysis – good position presently. HemoCue meters – continual problems, extra training sessions in place, quality control checks. Update to new meters, PAW theatres engagement improved & hopeful for different outcomes next year. CoaguChek blood testing meter – all good TEG – EQA results differing, to see what Haemonetics send back then to decide on actions. Abbott Afinion HbA1c analyser – all good Abbott i-STAT analyser – procedures & training in place to help process work better. Pregnancy testing Children's Ward – 5 out of 7 had an error (KD). Theme tends to be staff pressures/time related. Looking at improvements in process. Consider supplying analyser? FPP emergency numbers – audit in September & highlighted issues with wards of incorrect MRN/patient etc. Vast majority improved usage but some still inputting incorrect info. KL - use 'Workplace' to help get message across better? 	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>KL</p>
6.	<p>Training</p>	

	<p>Competency and training compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas analysers – Need to assess housekeeping & niggles & reassess using a short competency sheet. ED continued using there's during the pandemic, but don't wish to relinquish it. • FPP training – more support required (LM). Recent RCA investigation identified lack of training for 'new to care' HCA's. Blood glucose monitoring being missed as training online & not via the Education Centre. Abbott e-learning package is inflexible – ideas welcome on how to utilise better. • Now have HCA facilitator – training includes diabetes, blood glucose monitoring, FPP (works with overseas nurses & new to Trust). 	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

Date and time of next meeting: 19th April 2022 2pm