

Maternity and Neonatal Safety Champion Newsletter February 2022

Who are your Safety Champions?

Karen Dawber- Chief Nurse, Board Level Executive Safety Champion

Jon Prashar- Non-Executive Safety Champion

Sara Hollins- Director of Midwifery, Trust Level Midwifery Safety Champion

Nicola Cawley- Consultant Obstetrician, Trust Level Obstetric Safety Champion

Catriona Firth- Consultant Neonatologist, Trust Level Neonatal Safety Champion

Jamie Steele, Deputy Associate Director of Nursing, Trust Level Neonatal Nursing Safety Champion

Bi-Monthly Maternity and Neonatal Safety Champion Meeting

The Bi-monthly maternity and neonatal safety champions meet on alternate months and met on 10 February.

The Safety Champions are delighted to welcome Jamie Steele as Trust Level Neonatal Nursing Safety Champion. Jamie was unable to attend the meeting in person but provided a written update on the neonatal nursing staffing position. He can be approached by any member of staff to escalate and champion neonatal issues.

Key points:

Catriona Firth shared the Quarter 3 ATAIN review and the updated ATAIN action plan.

The review demonstrates that Bradford ATAIN figures remain well under the 5% target at 3.57 ATAIN doesn't include cases already reviewed by different processes (ie HSIB/Level 1) but does incorporate themes in learning from all cases.

Quarter 3 showed:

- Improvement in the number of cold babies admitted.
- Improvement in the number of babies admitted to NNU when they fit TCU criteria.
- Babies 34-36 weeks not requiring O2, difficult to record and report.

There is little progress on the ATAIN action plan at present, particularly around the need for staff to undertake online ATAIN learning, due to staffing pressures and the imminent EPR Go-Live. The group agreed that the actions are important but not critical at the moment.

The next meeting will be held in April.

Any member of staff can contact one of the safety champions listed above, if they have any concerns about the safety of maternity or neonatal services.

The group also discussed Maternity Unit diverts at length. The current escalation guideline is under review and will be aligned with both the West Yorkshire and Harrogate LMS and the North East and Yorkshire regional guideline.

Key changes will include the use of Operational Pressures Escalation Levels (OPEL) framework and the requirement to notify the Executive Director on call of the need to divert women to other services.

There will be a shift towards referring to 'unit in escalation' and the need to 'divert women' rather than referring to the unit being 'closed'. The rationale for this is that the unit is never truly closed whether that is because other units are unable to accept women, or that women continue to turn up on our doorstep anyway.

Floor to Board Maternity and Neonatal Safety Champion Monthly Meeting

The January meeting was held virtually, hosted by Karen Dawber. Representatives from maternity and neonates were on the call.

There were no outstanding actions requiring an update following the January meeting.

Issue:

- The situation with printers not working was reported again.

Action:

- Karen Dawber will escalate to Paul Rice, Chief Digital and Information Officer as a matter of urgency
- The Neonatal team kindly reminded that there is also a pull-print in neonatal unit reception which can be used if needed in the interim

This was the only issue raised this month. KD discussed that she is aware of the recent completed risk assessment to support the return of Breast feeding peer supporters to the unit. This is to support the ward staff in providing infant feeding advice and support, timely recognition of feeding problems with the aim of reducing postnatal feeding readmissions to the paediatric wards. Karen is supportive of this plan and we look forward to welcoming the peer supporters back in the building soon.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday 11 March

1pm –2pm