

Newsletter

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South Yorkshire
and Bassetlaw

Critical Care Operational Delivery Network

Welcome to our Critical Care Newsletter 2021

The past 20 months have been unprecedented for the NHS and the impact on Critical Care Units and staff in particular has been extreme. Despite all the challenges, the ways in which we have collaborated as a system have been invaluable in enabling the support of each another in coping with increased patient numbers and escalated capacity. I know many of you have valued this communication and collaboration as a network as it has been hugely beneficial not only for operational and capacity management discussions, but also in providing peer support during this difficult period. On behalf of the network team I would like to say a huge thank you to you and all critical care colleagues for their incredibly supportive attitude during what are often

difficult and stressful situations. I would also like to say a personal thank you for your warm welcome to me as the new network manager this April, having visited most of our Critical Care Units and met with a number of staff, your commitment and dedication is truly inspirational and I am excited for the opportunities that lay ahead for our network and I look forward to continuing to work with you as we embark on the next part of this journey.

The network team wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



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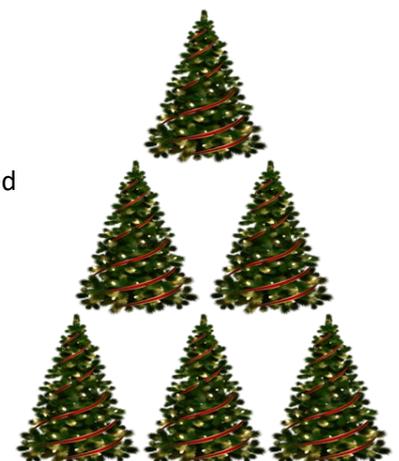
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We would love to hear from you.....

This newsletter aims to provide an update on network activity and national news, if you would like to get involved in any of our groups or you have some news to share in a future edition please get in touch, we want to hear from you.

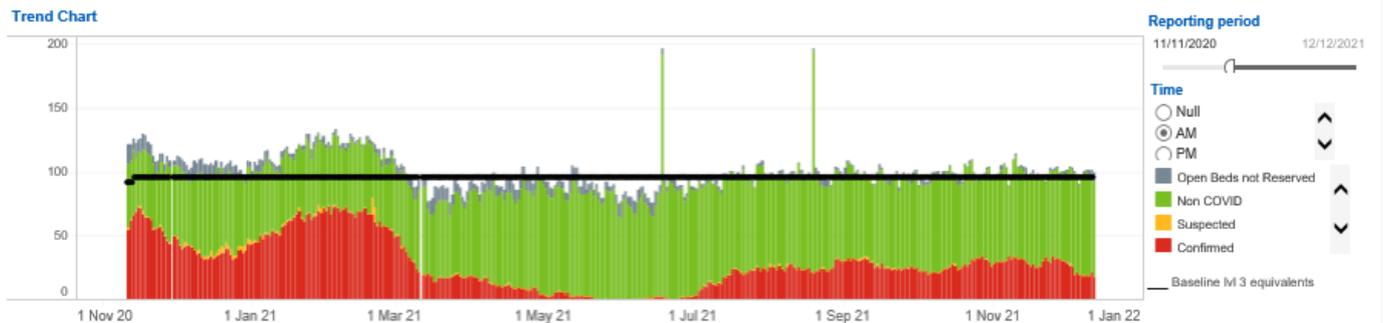
Critical Care Stocktake

In June this year, a national critical care stocktake was undertaken which highlighted a number of areas for consideration for our network both now and in the future. Such issues relate to the number of critical care beds across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw as well as reviewing our workforce. The ODN Clinical Advisory Board has now started to consider and discuss the development of Enhanced Care Areas (Level 1 beds) and the workforce implications. We look forward to progressing this work in 2022.



Covid Pandemic Response

Since the start of the Pandemic, we have managed significant and fluctuating numbers of Covid-19 patient both within our critical care units and within 'surge' areas . This was achieved by critical care staff responding to additional demands and working in very different ways and through the redeployment of additional support staff when many other services were stepped down, and we extend our grateful thanks to all those staff, who went the extra mile day after to day in an attempt to keep patients safe. Below is a graph plotting critical care activity in SYB since November 2020.



Peer Reviews

The ODN has started to undertake peer reviews of services. This has enabled us to meet with many groups of staff to benchmark against the latest version of 'Guidelines for the Provision of Intensive Care Services V2 (2019)'. We have now completed half the visits and are in the process of compiling reports, which will be circulated in the New Year. It has been an extremely helpful process in enabling us to understand your successes over the past 12 months, along with acknowledging your current and future challenges and what we as a network can do to support you in delivering the best critical care possible.



GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES

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Yorkshire & Humber Adult Critical Care Transfer Service (ACCTS)

NHS England are in the process of establishing an Adult Critical Care Transfer Service for the Yorkshire & Humber region, which will cover South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw, West Yorkshire & Humber Coast & Vale. The current planning assumptions are this service will be place by April 2022, initially providing day time cover although the long term plan is this will be a 24/7 service. We are currently in the early stages of development and looking to identify a host provider for the transfer service. A Project Board has been set up which includes clinicians from across the Yorkshire and Humber region who are providing expertise clinical input in developing the service. We will be providing further communications in the new year to keep you informed of progress and seeking your views on the service to allow this to be fed into the development of service specification.

Professional Nurse Advocate Role

Pre-COVID19 data showed that a third of Critical Care Nurses experienced severe burnout, with 86% experiencing one of the three classic symptoms of exhaustion, depersonalisation and reduced personal accomplishment. (Moss et al. 2016).

The pandemic has exacerbated this exponentially leading to a desperate need to prioritise the mental health and well-being of nurses and reduce emotional burnout, (Nicki Credland,

Chair of the BACCN, 2021). In response, Ruth May (Chief Nursing Officer for England) announced in March 2021 the immediate role out of the Professional Nurse Advocate Programme in England starting with 400 critical care nurses, the aim being that there will be two PNAs in every critical care unit in England. Since the programme was rolled out in April 2021, 450 critical care nurses have either completed or are currently completing their PNA

Each critical Care Unit in South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw has now access to a trained PNA.

For more information follow the link [>>>](#)

Operational Delivery Networks (ODNs) were launched in April 2013 following the publication of the NHS England strategy to sustain and develop clinical networks, Developing Operational Delivery Networks; The Way Forward >>>>

National Critical Care News

A number of national working groups have been established to support delivery of critical care across England. Some of the key changes will be around development of enhanced care areas, improving the **Directory of Services** data collection and reporting system, workforce planning and the development of regional **Adult Critical Care Transfer Services (ACCTS)**.

Critical Care Nurse Education An investment of £10 million has been provided to support access for critical care registered nursing staff to undertake a national standard critical care course, for our network the SYB Critical Care Education Collaboration has been successfully selected to deliver the course including competency Steps 1, 2 & 3. Other providers of critical care

education are available and we will be circulating a complete list soon.

We are also expecting additional investment for our critical care clinical educators; this funding would be for one year only and would be targeted to increase the numbers of unit educators as well as supporting achievement of educational qualification.

SYB Critical Care Transfer Forum

The SYB Critical Care Transfer Forum was re-established in December 2020, chaired by Professor Anil Hormis, Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine at Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. The forum has representation from each of the acute Trusts in the SYB Critical Care Network. As part of the work of this forum in January 2021 a new Critical Care Transfer Form was introduced across the SYB Network. For note if you are undertaking a critical care transfer a copy of each form should be returned to the network for audit purposes (information on bottom of the form). As with most things over the past 18 months progress has been slow moving but there are now plans to draw up a Guideline for Critical Care Transfers and also to prepare a training for staff undertaking intra and inter critical care transfers.



Professor Anil Hormis

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR