South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw

Critical Care Operational Delivery Network

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

Training & Education

Band 5/6 Leadership Course

Following on from the success of last year, the Network are running two more Leadership Courses in September, aimed at senior Band 5 and Band 6 RNs. Each critical care unit across South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw (SYB) and West Yorkshire (WY) has been allocated two places and the courses are being delivered at the Holiday Inn, Wakefield. Each staff member will be required to complete a Myers Briggs Personality Profile prior to the course and will be expected to undertake a Quality Improvement (QI) project .

SYB & WY Critical Care Networks Rehabilitation Conference

The West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Critical Care Networks held a Rehabilitation Conference on 12th May 2023. The event was aimed at all members of the multidisciplinary team from both networks who are involved in the rehabilitation of critical care patients.

The aim was to highlight the importance of rehabilitation, the challenges faced and the impact an MDT approach to rehabilitation can have on patients' recovery.

A varied programme was developed including national speakers Paul Twose, Dr David McWilliams and Kate Tantam (#Rehablegend). There were excellent and informative presentations from a variety of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) from both networks and one of our past patients shared her experience of critical care. We also welcomed Maggie the therapy dog with her owner Sarah!

The conference feedback was extremely positive from those in attendance.

Take home messages included the importance of early implementation of rehabilitation, how delirium impacts patient outcomes, and the importance of patient stories and how they can

Clinical Education Forum

The SYB Critical Care Network are to establish a Clinical Educator Forum, the first meeting is to be in September. This will create an opportunity for the Clinical Educators from all units to meet, share practices and developments, and where possible work in collaboration to improve training and education initiatives across South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw.

The forum will be chaired by Amy Pollitt, Lead Clinical Educator at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. Amy.pollitt1@nhs.net

Appointment of Networks Clinical Educator/QI Lead

We are delighted to welcome Eve Geldart to the team for a period of 12 months. Eve is currently a Senior Sister on the Critical Care Unit at Harrogate District Hospital and has previously worked as a Clinical Educator and she is also a Professional Nurse Advocate. Eve will be visiting all critical care units in West and South Yorkshire over the coming weeks to introduce herself and meet the teams.

This secondment post has been made possible through funding provided by Workforce Transformation and Eve will be responsible for developing a Network Education Strategy as well as leading specific quality improvement projects.

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.   *John Ruskin*

Safety Climate Surveys

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who completed a **Team Work & Safety Climate Survey** . This is a collaborative piece of work between the Critical Care Networks and the Yorkshire & Humber Improvement Academy. Measurement of team safety culture is a core element of patient safety work. The Improvement Academy (IA) use a validated tool developed by the University of Texas and we have encouraged all members of the critical care team to have their say by completing one of the questionnaires. The survey collection has now closed and the data is being analysed by the IA. Once the individual unit reports have been created, facilitated feedback will be provided by the network team and a date will be arranged for this in the near future for each of the critical care units participating in the initiative. We would like to see as many staff as possible at the feedback session, the results belong to you and your team to take forward.

Critical Care Transfer

Since 1st December 2022, NECTAR have been providing an Adult Critical Care Transfer Service (ACCTS) for non-time critical to the Yorkshire and Humber region. This service operates between 10am and 10pm each day Monday to Sunday and the team can be contacted on: **01912826699.**

The regional NHSE commissioning team are leading on the delivery of a sustainable transfer service for our area and further information will be shared as this develops.

SYB Critical Care Transfer Courses

SYB will be providing a further two Critical Care Transfer courses in October and December 2023. These courses will take place at the Medical Education Centre, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield and they are aimed at Anaesthetic/ ICM/ ACCS trainees (CT1-3) Nurses and ODPs, those new to inter-hospital transfer. The courses consist of a mix of lectures, workshops and simulation.

Dates:

20th October 2023

1st December 2023

Please seek agreement from your Education Supervisor / Clinical Educator as places are allocated per unit, plus an allocation for trainees.
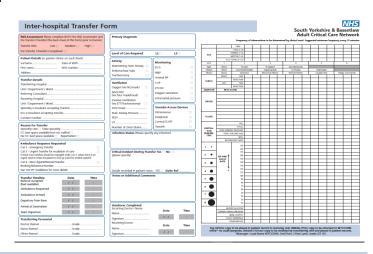
Following agreement, book your place via the network website : sybccodn.org

Transfer Form Audit

A small group of trainees are working with Dr Emma Temple, Network Transfer Forum Lead, to audit the critical care transfer forms returned to the network office. This is part of quality assurance and drives improvement for the safety of our patients.

All inter-hospital critical care transfers, irrespective of their origin, should be documented on a network transfer form.
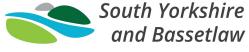
The white copy should be placed in the patients notes; the yellow copy should be retained by the transferring unit and placed in the patients notes; the pink copy should be returned to the Critical Care Network. The network address is on the bottom of the form.

Top (White) copy to be placed in patient record in receiving unit, Middle (Pink) copy to be returned to WYCCODN office* for audit purposes, Bottom (Yellow) copy to be retained by transferring unit and placed in patient records.
*Manager / Lead Nurse WYCCODN, 2nd Floor, 2 Park Lane, Leeds LS3 1ES

North East & Yorkshire Critical Care Benchmarking

Over the past 15 years, critical care units across the North East & Yorkshire have collaborated to benchmark nursing practices, which has resulted in driving patient safety. The audits allow comparison between units for specific aspects of care but more importantly create an environment for sharing practices and quality improvement initiatives on a monthly basis.

The Regional Benchmarking Group meet quarterly to discuss results and QI projects and the group is currently reviewing the whole benchmarking process. Once the review has been completed it is anticipated that some of the units in SYB will begin to contribute to this   activity, and hopefully some of you will be keen to get involved.

RCN Benchmarking Tool

Network VAP Guideline

VAP has a reported incidence of 10-40% in critical care patients. This carries a significant   burden in terms of morbidity, lengthy of stay and , ultimately, cost. Over several months we have been trying to formulate a unified, network VAP protocol. Although, quite a challenge to agree on and write, this is now in its final stages of development.

Barnsley Virtual Reality Rehab Tool

Barnsley Intensive Care Unit has been trialling a virtual reality headset to support patient wellbeing. The headset helps relax patients by taking them away from the busy noisy hospital environment for 10 minutes. They are using VLE t technology as part of a delirium prevention rehab session. So far they have had very positive feedback. Patients are asked to score their pain and stress level before and after the session and all session have reduced both stress and pain. Watch this virtual space!

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