

Attendees/ introductions

Neil Strawbridge	Trauma Nurse Coordinator	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Victoria Smith	Nurse Educator	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
Gabby Lomas	Matron, Emergency Medicine	Salford Royal NHS Trust
Stuart Wildman	Consultant Nurse Major Trauma	Salford Royal NHS Trust
Sharon Budd	Trauma coordinator Vice Chair of Trauma Ward sub group	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
Julie Wall	Trauma Nurse Coordinator	Royal Derby Hospital
Sian Cross	Network Education Lead	East of England Trauma Network
Anita West	Trauma Nurse Coordinator	Royal London Hospital, Barts Health. NELETN (North East London and Essex Trauma Network)
Helen Parr	Network Senior Trauma Specialist	St Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare
Fiona Robertson	Major Trauma Service Lead	St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Laura Crowle	Major Trauma Nurse Coordinator	Severn Major Trauma Operational Delivery Network
Julie Wright	Consultant Nurse	Oxford University Hospital
Claire Marks	MTCC Lead Chair of the Trauma Ward Sub Group	Derriford Hospital, Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
David McGlynn	Senior Charge Nurse A&E	Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
Bryony Roberts	MT Practitioner	University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Maria Bassett	Major Trauma Practitioner	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Apologies

Rosemary Flanagan	Teacher / Practitioner, ED	Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Diane Armstrong	Senior Sister Trauma Ward	Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust/ Royal College Emergency Medicine
Louise Wilde	Adult Ward	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Jane Roscoe	Adult Ward	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Rachael Webster	TNC	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Jill Windle	Lecturer Practitioner in Emergency Nursing	Salford Royal NHS Trust
Amanda Guthrie	Senior Major Trauma Coordinator	Salford Royal NHS Trust
Ann Marie Heath	Outreach Senior Sister	Royal Stoke University Hospital

Rebecca Boxall	Trauma Nurse Coordinator	Royal London Hospital, Barts Health. NELETN (North East London and Essex Trauma Network)
Francesca Hole	Orthopaedic Trauma Co-ordinator	Royal Surrey Hospital
Jim Flaherty	Trauma Nurse Service Coordinator	Conquest Hospital, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Emma Tabenor	Senior Major Trauma Practitioner	University Hospital Southampton
Elaine Dempster	Senior Charge Nurse A&E	NHS Grampain, Aberdeen
Becky Gammon	Head of Nurse for Unscheduled Care	Princess of Wales Hospital. Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
Helen Luton	Senior Nurse for T&O	University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Anna Crossley	Professional Lead for Acute, Emergency and Critical Care. RCN	Royal College of Nursing
Hannah Kosuge		Royal London

Matters arising

- Answer book for Ward Competencies described as long and detailed. Following discussion, the group agreed to maintain current level of detail.
- Discussion re: the establishment of Level 2 Ward competencies:
 - How applicable would such competencies be across all MTCs and TU's?
 - Level 2 competencies may fail to accommodate / recognise the variation in service provision across MTCs and TUs
 - Level 2 competencies could potentially have a greater focus on spinal competencies but again this may not be widely applicable
 - Timely reminder that the Clinical Reference Group (CRG) had already ratified the current Ward Competencies as they stand and thus they should not be changed. Proposal from group that there should be a review date on the current competency framework and this would give an opportunity for feedback from end users together with any updates required.

Progress with Competency Framework – Guidance for assessors

- Neil has completed Trauma in Pregnancy guidance for assessors
- Some discussion re: who should assess competency in the Trauma Units (TUs). Group proposed a pragmatic approach using local educators. Acknowledged that only the relevant competencies should be assessed i.e. those competencies relating to the patient group cared for by each ward multi-disciplinary team. For example, if a particular trauma ward does not admit patients with severe head injuries, then those competencies would be irrelevant as exposure and the opportunity to practice and maintain competence would not present itself.
- There was some discussion about the competency framework being reliant on using courses and study days to fulfil the demands of the framework, when the sentiment of the framework was to assure competency in practice. There was some suggestion that the framework was embedded in organisational statutory and mandatory training programmes, but the challenges associated with negotiating this in every Trust was acknowledged. Again a pragmatic approach, using local educators and ward managers was proposed for the current time.

- Group members were keen that the ward competency framework becomes a Quality Indicator (QI) for major trauma and proposed that the CRG at NHS_E were lobbied to that effect.
- Group felt that it might be helpful to have an Instructor / Assessor section with all relevant resources on the NMTNG Ward Sub Group website. **Action: Chair to contact Rob Pinate to discuss this possibility**
- Progress with Assessor guidance for each competency:
 - Thoracic Trauma – Sharon & Neil
 - Musculo-skeletal, Upper limb – Victoria
 - Musculo-skeletal, lower limb – Hannah
 - Musculo-skeletal, pelvis – Laura
 - Musculo-skeletal, amputation – Victoria
 - Musculo-skeletal, external fixators, skin and skeletal traction – Hannah
 - Musculo-skeletal, Compartment syndrome – Julie
 - Bariatric – special considerations - Julie
 - Psychological issues – Jane Roscoe has completed but need to chase
 - Pain – Claire will complete
 - Elderly – completed by Neil and Emma – chase
 - Some discussion re: use of a Dropbox to support assessment of competencies e.g presentations etc **Claire will explore possibilities**

Deadline for all outstanding guidance 7th December 2018 to Laura Crowle

Feedback to Laura by 18th January 2019

Ratification of completed Assessor Guidance at meeting 18th January 2019

Trauma Care After Resuscitation (TCAR) course Presented by Anita West

The team from the USA responsible for developing and delivering this course were invited to run a course by the Pan-London Trauma Networks. Another is planned for 18 /19 June 2019 in London.

- 2 day course requiring pre-course reading
- Excellent feedback from attendees (90% registered nurse, 10% allied health professionals). 57% of attendees were ward based.

There was some discussion re; the possibility of the course being franchised in order that it could be run across Trauma Networks in the UK. Anita said this was unlikely as the developers were clear about their ownership of the intellectual property. She also reported that attendees were complimentary about the delivery of the material and this may not be replicable were the course to be franchised.

Discussions focussed on how the regional trauma networks might work together to finance the delivery of TCAR across the UK. For example, Manchester would allow access to those Networks to the North, with Wessex and Peninsula providing access in the Southwest, London to the South East. **Group members to explore local Network appetite for the above collaboration.**

Trauma Care Conference - 4/5 March 2019

- Nursing Programme now over 2 days
- Requires update from Ward Sub-group

Group members to consider how they might best contribute to the agenda

Update from Wales

- Cardiff confirmed as newly established Major trauma centre for Wales
- Discussion re: individual Network challenges and how these might best be overcome by the Regional Trauma Network for Wales

AOB

- Request for information re: the nursing establishment for Major trauma Wards in MTCs.

Stuart Wildman will circulate given positive experience in Salford

Next Meeting

18th January 2019