

# **National Major Trauma Nursing Group**

## **Rehabilitation Sub-Group**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Approved Minutes**

1. Attendees: on main register

2. Welcome:

This was the first meeting of the rehabilitation sub-group. RP gave a short presentation prior to the meeting on the NMTNG, its history and future vision. RP thanked all present for attending. The premise of the group is to bring national rehabilitation expertise together from nursing and AHP professional groups to engage all those involved in the provision of rehabilitation to severely injured adults and children to produce improvements in care. RP highlighted that much already existed regionally and nationally to set standards for rehabilitation provision however there may also be a need to develop training, competency and education standards.

3. Discussion:

As this was the first meeting it was broadly held as an initial discussion and 'brainstorming' session to provide some focus going forward. The following are some key aspects:

- **Competencies:**

There was broad agreement that an initial focus for the group should be the development of competencies for practice and that this should be a generic, i.e. multi-professional document. That this should be coupled with a review of what education is currently available such as face-to-face delivery but also electronic/e-learning.

**De-skilling:** The group discussed the challenges brought about by the trauma networks where staff at TU's are being de-skilled or specialty practitioners removed entirely, such as neuro-rehab expertise, and yet they continue to receive patients with neuro-rehab requirements. The competencies and educational programmes would go some way to ensuring all rehab staff share a common set of skills and competence in the care of the trauma patient.

- **National information leaflets:**

Group discussed the plethora of information leaflets available but there was consensus that it might be possible to develop a national set. This would enable local providers to edit them to local services but that much was generic and there is value in having a national template.

- **Paediatric rehabilitation:**

There was both adult and paediatric representation on the group. It was acknowledged that there are very specific areas of focus related to paediatric

rehab and that those members should link in with the NMTNG paediatric sub-group.

- Access to rehabilitation:  
Uniformly recognised as a challenge by the group. Whilst the NMTNG cannot change policy in this regard RP stressed the importance of this group having a voice and reporting to the Trauma and Burns CRG.
- Interim chair and vice-chair:  
Interim Chair: Karen Hoffman, Head of Rehabilitation Research @ C4TS  
Rehabilitation Consultant Bart's Health  
Interim vice-chair: Aimee White, Paediatric Major Trauma Rehabilitation Co-Ordinator, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.

Both Karen and Aimee were happy to undertake the position as an interim with a view to electing a full-time chair and vice-chair once the group had become established.

- ToR and Aim of the group:  
Group will need to develop a ToR which will include aims and objectives of the group
- Next meeting – date TBC:
  - Members to bring examples of local/regional competencies and educational programmes to share at the next meeting and use a basis for developing a national set.
  - ToR, aims and objectives for drafting at next meeting.