



ANTS

Acute Neonatal Transfer Service
East of England NHS

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NEWSLETTER



Our mission statement

'ANTS is the dedicated East of England Neonatal Transfer Service. With EBS we aim to safely and efficiently provide state of the art care during neonatal transfers ensuring that babies gain access to the right level of care, at the right time, by the right staff'

Introduction

It has been a very busy year for the ANTS team who completed 1298 transfers between April 2015 and March 2016. There have been some exciting developments within the service which are detailed below...

New ambulances

In May 2016 we were delighted to take delivery of the 3 new ANTS ambulances. These vehicles have been specifically designed to meet the needs of our smallest, most vulnerable patients and members of the ANTS team were excited to work closely with the team from St. John Ambulance throughout the design and manufacturing process. As well as being generally more comfortable with improved safety features, they also include a new low-power suction unit, a defibrillator and improved storage to enable additional kit such as a bili-blanket to be carried safely by the team at all times. There is a plaque in one of the vehicles dedicated to the memory of Dr. Kate Farrer, ANTS Clinical Lead 2008-2012.



Sue Kent is retiring

We are sad to announce that Sue Kent has decided to retire from her role as ANTS Lead Nurse from September 2016. On a positive note, she will be returning to work some clinical shifts each month so the team will continue to benefit from her extensive transport experience. Sue has worked with the ANTS team since it began in 2003. She has seen it develop from a single team providing 9am - 5pm cover only, to 3 overlapping teams providing 24 hour response and repatriations. The team has been through some difficult times over the last few years and Sue has been a constant and positive presence throughout.

As many of you will know, Sue is a keen walker and runner, completing many challenges for charity over the last few years. To mark her retirement she is planning a 100km trek in Iceland to raise money for the Kate Farrer Foundation. For more information or to support Sue in this venture please see her 'BTmydonate' page – www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/antsteamsuek

We want to thank Sue for her enormous contribution to the ANTS team over the last 13 years and wish her the very best of luck for her upcoming challenge.





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What is ANTS?

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"We are a team of senior neonatal doctors, specialist nurses, EBS coordinators and drivers who provide specialist transfer services for babies across the East of England and beyond."



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01223 274274

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ANTS online

Another big project over the last 12 months has been the on-going development of the ANTS website. This is continuing to evolve into a valuable resource, containing useful contact details, information about the team, referral pathways and a drug calculator. There are also a number of clinical and operational guidelines that we will continue to expand and update over the coming months. The website can be accessed from the following address: www.ants-neonatal.org We also have a Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ants.eoe which has proved very popular with parents and a Twitter feed – www.twitter.com/ants_EOE



New ANTS office

In September 2015 the team were thrilled to move into a new office space in the Rosie hospital, Cambridge. Our new office is much bigger enabling all members of the clinical and driving teams to be based together along with the Emergency Bed Service (EBS) co-ordinators. There is plenty of room for teaching, working on the computers and holding meetings. There is also a small area for the team to relax together during breaks when not out on a transfer.

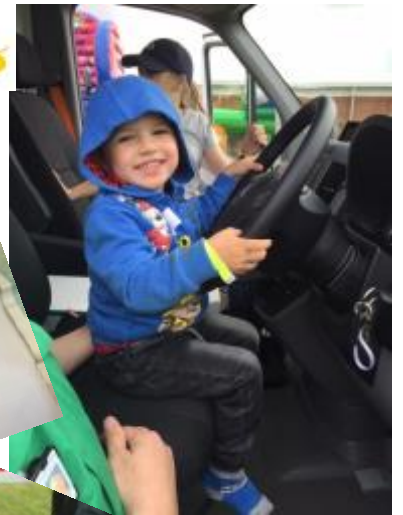


STAN bear

In 2016 we also welcomed 'STAN' bear to the ANTS team. This little bear will initially be given out to all babies who require emergency transfer. He is already proving very popular amongst both parents and staff, many of whom have purchased a bear in order to continue funding this scheme. If you would like to buy STAN at a cost of £3.50 please contact Amanda in the ANTS office on 01223 256084

Family fun day

In May, members of the ANTS team were delighted to attend a family fun day organized by the family of Luke Reed to raise money for ANTS. Luke was transferred by ANTS from Chelmsford to Addenbrookes in 2012. His mum Laura has dedicated a huge amount of her time and energy to organise fund-raising events. This day was held at a school in Chelmsford and involved bouncy castles, food stalls and face painting. Several members of the team were able to attend along with 2 of the new ANTS ambulances which were very popular with the children!



Come and spend a day with us...

We continue to welcome many nurses, doctors, medical students and student nurses from around the region to come out with the ANTS team for the day to see how we work. This is a fantastic opportunity for shared learning and we hope that visitors will continue to find this a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. If you would like to join us for the day, please email Amanda in the ANTS office for more information – amanda.freemantle@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

