

Attending

Laura Crowell	Bristol	
Alison Coutts	Aberdeen	
Bryony Roberts	Cardiff	
Patricia Burton	Royal London	
Neil Strawbridge	Sheffield	Chair & Minutes

Apologies

Julie Wright	Oxford
Emma Tabenor	Southampton
Ema Serafina	Brighton & Sussex
Pam Burchill	Derby

Informal Meeting from 30/07/2020

Discussed this brief meeting which was purely an informal catch up and an opportunity to try out the MS Teams format. It was attended by Julie Wright, Emma Tabenor, Kristy O'Brien and Neil Strawbridge.

Covid and Trauma -How have things been?

Discussed how trauma had abated during lockdown. Noted how there has been an increase in serious deliberate self-harm during the Covid period. Also alcohol related trauma. Noted that in Royal London paediatrics numbers had increased.

Covid and Education

Face to face education has near ceased. People are having to be creative. Laura said that in Bristol they have been filming education sessions. Acknowledged that this is a good way of future proofing education.

Discussed TCAR

Many people across trusts experiencing TCAR Online at present. Acknowledged that this is presently the course that we are aware of that best serves Trauma Coordinators working on the definitive care pathway and we support it. Laura suggested that one of our group join the TCAR steering group run by Hannah Cousage.

### Trauma Unit Representation

Neil explained that previously he had asked for help in attracting Trauma Coordinators to the group. Likelihood of BPT coming to TUs. Necessity for TUs to have personnel to identify trauma patients, therefore support TARN staff, obtain BPT but also significantly oversee and coordinate the care of these patients – raise standards particularly with elderly patients, chest injury patients and pain issues. Laura suggested that we advertise the group to make it clear our remit and subsequently to attract more members from TUs etc. We all felt that this was a good idea.

### Andrea Smith – new NMTNG Coordinator

We welcomed Andrea to this new role in her absence. Neil stated that Andrea has been very helpful to the group.

### NMTNG Website

Neil explained that as yet we do not have a spot on the main NMTNG website. This would be useful for storing our Terms of Reference, our minutes and our work moving forward.

### Terms of Reference

Laura asked to see terms of reference. She wanted to know what the steer was for us as a group. We put these on screen and Neil talked through them.

Laura felt that the name of the group Trauma Coordinators was maybe too broad and not specific enough to major trauma patients and could encapsulate trauma coordinators who bed manage and manage theatre lists etc. It was felt by the group that the *terms Trauma Coordinators for Major Trauma patients* or *Major Trauma Coordinators* would be better names. We will put that to the group. It was acknowledged by the group that we have a lot of job titles within our small professional group.

Neil explained from T of R that previously the group had felt that we were not keen to develop national competencies but that rather we would looking to clarify what the role encompassed, what we had in common. As ever keen to emphasise we did not want to dictate how TCs carried out their roles and that all teams had evolved within their trusts and should not be dictated to – that differences should be celebrated. Laura asked if too these ends that job descriptions had been asked for. Neil said that yes previously they had but that as yet none had been forthcoming and that he would repeat the request. As previously suggested a new request for members and group remit could include request for job specs and SOPs.

Explained also that the group could be a national repository for approaches to the role.

In point (f) of the Terms of Reference Laura discussed that perhaps the statement optimises theatre capacity should be removed. Neil explained that in Sheffield the TC team regularly liaise with the multidisciplinary surgical teams to optimise theatre usage that benefits theatres and benefits the polytrauma patients.

Laura suggested that maybe the group carried out research into the role. As we were talking a lot about the role Neil suggested that we looked at the key documents that he had been reviewing.

### A literature review

Neil discussed the first article Rob Crouch et al. It came from a 2015 study via a survey of the TC role. Neil cited the phrase *'the stabilizing force at the middle of the multidisciplinary team, a resource to*

*staff, a role model for excellence in practice, and a patient advocate'* as potentially an excellent statement of intent for the profession that we could use.

Explained that Crouch et al looked at titles of TCs (17 in all) and features of role. Neil compared the articles research features with those that the Subgroup came up with at our previous meetings.

One of the key recommendations from this research was that further research was recommended to 'explore the emerging role of the trauma *nurse* coordinators.' The group agreed that research would be useful to help us nail down what our role is. Neil felt that this research would be timely as we approach a decade of the trauma networks. Patricia felt that this would be good to embed expectations, values of our profession and help to push us forward.

Decided that it would be good to contact Rob Crouch and also Heather Jarman (research group lead). Nobody in the group confessed to be experts in research.

#### Close

Neil said that he would like the group to consider him keeping Chairmanship for a further 6 months due to lost time through Covid. No objections from members.

#### Actions

- Send out Terms of reference, ask for comments, look to finalize at next meeting
- Ask for place on the NMTNG website
- Send out a statement of intent for group to explain our goals and encourage new membership
- Send out request for job descriptions and SOPS
- Liaise with Rob Crouch regarding research
- Liaise with Heather Jarman regarding research
- Ask for volunteer to be on TCAR steering group
- *Ask group if members object to meetings being recorded – this was a request from main meeting to aid with minutes and actions*