

Draft Minutes for Adult Trauma Ward Sub Group Meeting

NMTNG

5 May 2017

Present-

Clare marks VC - Plymouth

Cerys – Cardiff

Sharon Budd- Derby

Michelle- London

Laura Cowle – Severn

Neil- Sheffield

Jenny- Southport

Hannah- Nottingham

Rachel – Leeds

Agreed meeting was quorate

Apologies

Rachel Webster Trauma nurse coordinator

Stuart Wildman Chair

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as a true record

Action Tracker:

Review of action tracker.

1 not complete

2 complete

3 educational standard- don't need an absolute standard but more of a guiding statement

Update on Level 1 competencies:

Currently awaiting CRG sign off but unable to be signed off until the Quality statement and foreword section is completed. Which is something to be achieved in today's meeting. Final formatting to be finalised. The group thanked Laura for her hard work.

Educational standards

The group had a discussion of current educational courses that are available nationally.

Michelle gave a briefing on the work the PanLondon group are doing on educational standards/ training course for trauma ward nursing. They are in the process of mapping out a bespoke course to meet the competencies. This working party is in its early stages but the aim would be to learn from other courses and bespoke packages to create a fit for purpose. She will feedback on the progress at the next meeting.

Update from Preston University 'continuing care continuum course' ran over 8 weeks, once weekly. The assessment method is with an assignment format, but contains no competency based element or clinical skills element, mainly theory based content. Candidates contain paramedics, ED nurses, few ward based nurses the cost is £760 examined at level 6. Course content contains AtIs principles, long bone injuries, head injuries, burns, pelvic injuries, Tarn session, spinal injuries, thoracic injuries, renal/abdo and rehab principles. Feedback from people attending course was it wasn't very relevant to ward based nurses and was very theory based. Preston are happy to alter course to meet competencies.

Plymouth uni has trauma courses available but mainly pre-hospital based in nature and lack the relevance to Ward based nurses.

Salford have a 1 day course aimed at Trauma ward nurses, and have other 1 day training sessions available for spinal and head injury patient care.

Derby utilise their Tills course with different rotation stations for elements of ward based nursing care e.g handover of patients from them emergency setting. They also run in house spinal training.

Plymouth discussed the benefit of having a consultant led course to give weight to keeping it running given operational pressures

Aintree are developing a course for MTC ED nurses ran quarterly and a standalone e-learning package for level 1 ward based competency sign off.

Severn network E-learning package being developed aimed at ward based nurses.

St Mary's developing spinal training with bowel care course in house with aim to roll out to network, which will include the OSCE element. Surgical Division has educators for surgery ward which will aid with sign off of competences .

Spinal association and specialist centres run education packages and eLearning packages but again this lacks the whole overarching template of the level 1 competencies.

The Group discussed the challenges of meeting the standards with education or formal courses support

Forward section of document

Group explored setting standards that were achievable and aspirational to recognise the importance of major trauma and agreed that we need to set a minimum standard to ensure that there will provide a example to follow.

Discussed whether we could find a way of including a psychological care for the Nursing team given the psychological burden of caring for challenging behaviour, caring for relatives, sudden death of patients, physiological injuries. We discussed Trim training, and adequate Debrief for nursing team. It was agreed this would sit in the forward section of the document.

Formulation and wording for quality indicator.

There should be a ward based nurse involved in the care of trauma patients 24/7 who has attained the competency standard of level 1 (as described in the National Major Trauma Nursing Group guidance)

Measured by –

Operational policy including details of training

Formulation of forwarding messages –

The group worded this section during the session- Laura to send this separately.

The forward message talks about the aim of the group, why we were set up, the educational standard to:

To provide assurance that there is a baseline of one nurse per shift, who is an appropriately skilled trained and competent individual relevant to the major trauma patient groups cared for in your ward environment. The responsibility for completion of this competency book is for MTC's and MTU to decide locally which sections are to be completed per ward area as per local policies and procedures.

The group decided that there would be the development of an assessors booklet to provide standardised guidance to assessors which would include a section on how to assess and who should assess. Andrea Hargreaves to complete.

Guidance for how this can be utilised for revalidation purposes as an enabler to getting competencies completed at ward level.

Level 2 competencies will be completed in the next session September Laura and kindly agreed to format this document proving people contribute to relevant specialist sections and utilise the standard template that will be sent out.

Action Tracker updated to capture work streams moving forward.