

Draft minutes of the council meeting of the Welsh Intensive Care Society

Metropole Hotel Llandrindod Wells 1045hrs - 1300hrs 15th October 2003

Present

Dr. George Finlay  
Dr. Paul Temblett  
Dr. Chris Thorpe  
Dr. Brian Tehan  
Dr. Dave Hope  
Dr. Richard Self  
Dr. Paul Frost  
Dr. Dermott Hughes

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the meeting 2nd July 2003.

Dr. Self protested that he could not have volunteered to organise the 2004 summer meeting, as he was not present on 2nd July. The minutes were amended

3. Matters arising

Members of council agreed to give any details of sponsorship that may lead to a conflict of interest to the secretary who will keep a register. This is for anything over £25 and is backdated by 6 months, and should then be an ongoing process.

The use of activated protein C has been sanctioned by the All Wales Prescribing Group conditional on there being an audit of use by WICS. This is organised by Dr. Thorpe, who noted that participation has been low with only 3 returns so far. Reminders will be sent to lead clinicians in all units (action CT)

No further progress on the NICE report into APC or the meeting with Ruth Hall.

Letter to be sent from WICS to the GMC regarding the withdrawal of medical therapy will be circulated before it is sent. The letter was initiated by Martyn Reed. (action DH)

4. Report on the All Wales Critical Care Development Group (AWCCDG) from DH

Baseline audit data from all the units in Wales against the AWCCG standards was presented and will be distributed via the website and Topica. (action DH).

Three subgroups have been formed to discuss implementing the standards.  
? Capacity and service configuration (co-chaired by DH and GF)  
? Information (chaired by Les Gemmell)  
? Training and education

Dave Hope will contact David Salter to clarify the mechanism for choosing membership of the capacity group. (action DH)

5. Minimum dataset collection from Welsh critical care units.

WICS has received a request from Les Gemmell for the council's views on what constitutes a minimum dataset in Wales. The view of the council was that this would be:

? Real time bed occupancy for level 2 and 3 patients  
? Whole hospital augmented care periods  
? ICNARC data for level 3 patients

A letter will be sent (action RS)

6. Summer meeting 2004

The event will be organised for 24th-25th June 2004 in South Wales

WICS will approach Sarah Malcolm to see if she is able to give support to event organisation. The council supported the purchase of a laptop computer to be used by the organiser. (action DH)

Dave Hope will take the lead on finding a venue. Richard Self and Paul Frost will arrange the scientific program.

7. Treasurers report

A profit of £700 was made on the Portmerion meeting, with some money still owed to the society.

Brian Tehan took over as treasurer.

8. Other business

WICS has been approached by Eli Lily to arrange a joint meeting on sepsis in

South Wales. After a vigorous debate a clear majority on council agreed that this was a good idea provided that the society could ensure the integrity of the speakers and balance of the program. (action DH)

#### 9. Meetings 2004

Jan 28th, April 28th, July 7th and October 13th.