

Minutes for the meeting of the of the Welsh Intensive Care Society Council, held at 1045hrs 28th April 2004 at the Metropole Hotel Llandrindod Wells

Present Chris Thorpe, Paul Temblet, Ed Major, Dave Hope (chair) and Dermott Hughes

Apologies Brian Tehan, George Finlay and Paul Frost.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and there were no matters arising
2. **Chairman's report** – Dave Hope gave an account of his recent TV appearance as spokesman for WICS.
3. **AWCCDG update** (DH) – There has been a lack of progress recently. A meeting of the chairs of the three subgroups has taken place with David Salter. Terms of reference for the groups will be provided. The groups will meet in June. The AWCCDG will meet in July followed by an implementation plan by September.

It was noted that the SaFF target for implementing critical care networks has not been met. DH will write to David Salter to seek to clarify whose responsibility this is, and to find the names of the 3 regional directors – if they exist. **Action DH**

WICS will audit the compliance with SaFF targets for cancellation of surgery for lack of critical care beds for Jan, Feb and March 2004. **Action DH for SW region, D Hughes for SE region and CT for N region.**

4. **New council members.** Brian Tehan, Dermot Hughes and George Finlay are stepping down. We will be seeking 2 new council members at the summer meeting.
5. **APC audit** (CT). The data that had been presented to the Wales Prescribing group was presented. 65 responses were received - compared to the 85 doses of the drug issued by Eli Lilly (this number includes 'stock' doses, which may not have been used). This shows a high response rate by members of WICS. The overall mortality was 45% - but that reflects the high number of organs failed in the sample patients. 60/65 met the prescribing criteria for organ failure, infection, SIRS and absence of contra-indications. This shows widespread responsible prescribing. It was agreed to end the audit.
6. **Education report** (EM). Two CCST posts will be advertised in the near future. Council congratulated Paul Temblet on the organisation of the excellent WITS training day. Twice yearly meetings for the advanced trainees will be held incorporating both RITA and educational components.
7. **Trainees report** (PT). Hywel Roberts will be the new chairman and Chris Terblanche the secretary of WITS. Council thanked Paul for his hard work as he steps down as chairman.
8. **Summer meeting** (RS). Plans are progressing well. Need to ensure that all departments have posters and that colleagues and trainees are encouraged to attend. **Action RS**
9. **Dates of next meetings:** July 7th 2004

October 13th 2004
19th January 2005
20th April 2005
6th July 2005
12th October 2005

Meeting ended at 1215hrs.