

WELSH INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 25th January 2006. Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod wells.

Present:

Dr Ian Greenway (Chair)
Dr Chris Littler (Secretary)
Dr Martyn Read
Dr Chris Thorpe
Dr Dave Hope
Dr Paul Hughes
Dr Nick Mason

Apologies:

Dr Karen Mottart

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th October 2005.

Apart from one grammatical error the Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising:

- (i) Joint Audit.
Dave Hope had met with Tim Harvard and it had now been decided what data to collect. Tim Harvard would work on a database a draft of which would hopefully be available soon.
Data collected would include: Possum Score
HDU admission
Mortality
Complications.
There would be Anaesthetic / Critical Care & Surgical data collectors at each participating site
Finance may be required to write the database.
Paper collection may be an easier and perhaps preferable way to collect data with it then being entered onto a central database.
- (ii) Care Bundles
There was the prospect of money being made available, approximately £10,000 per Trust, by the NLIHH (Innervations in Health Care) to help establish care bundles in Wales. This money needs to be used by the end of March 2006.
The scheme would be based on pilot schemes run in Conway & Denbighshire.
A meeting was to be held on 23rd February aimed at Nurse Leaders & Practice Development Nurse with a meeting in April aimed at Medical Leads.
Dave Hope would keep Council informed of developments and post information on Topica.

Financial Report – Summer 2004 Meeting

The final version was accepted by Council. Thanks to efforts by Ian Greenway money had now been recovered from Leo Pharma. The final version would now be circulated to WICS members. The matter would hopefully be closed.

AWCCDG

The Group had finished its task and the final meeting had been held. The Standards had now been signed off and were due to be published. The next steps were the setting up of Networks, which needed to be in place by March 2008 and establishing the minimum dataset.

A smaller group would take over the role of the AWCCDG to oversee the running of the Networks. Ian Greenway would write a WICS statement of function regarding this group. Council had views regarding the membership of the group, which should include an external Chairman, the Network managers, Medical leads, Nursing leads, IT representation and a WICS representative.

Sepsis Survey

This was the purpose of a meeting run by Dr Mark Smithies, from UHW, in December 2005. He welcomed the involvement of WICS in helping to establish Sepsis Care Bundles in Wales and also to run an Infection Control Surveillance Database looking at bacteraemia and serious respiratory infections.

Critical Care Contingency Planning

Ian Greenway had attended a meeting in December 2005. Papers from the meeting were tabled for information.

The aim was to outline to Government how Intensive Care Units would cope in the event of a “mass outbreak”. The group would also look into training plans for medical and nursing staff to deal with the situation.

WICS needs to feedback to WAG regarding this issue, and should also consider the number of ITU patients that could be cared for in Wales.

Specialist Advisory Group in Anaesthesia

Ian had received a letter from Dr Ian Johnson (Ysbyty Gwynedd) enquiring about issues relating to Intensive Care Medicine in Wales. Council felt the issues at present mainly involved man-power and the limited Training numbers. Ian Greenway would reply to the letter. Council also raised the issue as to whether there should be a Specialist Advisory Group for Intensive Care.

Critical Care Transfers (Independent Sector)

Receipt of the document was noted. It was felt that this would become an issue for the Networks. Martyn Read will draft some comments for Ian Greenway, who would feedback to the Independent Healthcare Forum on behalf of WICS.

WICS Summer Meeting.

The meeting would take place on 21st / 22nd June at the Swansea Marriott Hotel. The programme was coming together with sessions including Disasters & Pandemic flu, Long term respiratory care and pre-operative optimisation.

Flyers would need to be distributed soon.

Audit Secretary's Report

Paul Hughes reported that he was working with Dave Hope on the Joint Surgical Audit. He planned to approach members at the AGM regarding ideas for future audit projects.

Education & Training Report

Chris Thorpe reported that 2 further CCST appointments had been made, one from Anaesthesia and one from Medicine. No further interview dates had been set as yet as there was some concern regarding the number of potential candidates. There was a 6 month slot in the CCST training programme and this would be offered to anaesthesia for SpR's who needed to complete their ITU training.

Trainees Report

Nick Mason reported that a venue for the WITS meeting had not yet been booked, but he was hoping to use the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. A programme was coming together centred around the 7/7 incident. He would probably levy a small charge for the meeting to help cover costs.

Any Other Business

It was felt that we needed to publicise the Travelling Fellowship as there currently no applicants.

Date of next meeting

26th April 2006.
10:45 am.
The Metropole Hotel,
Llandrindod Wells