

Women's Health Directorate
Maternity Unit

MATERNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 November 2004

Present:	Kerry Harris	Chair
	Anna Roland-Price	Supervisor of Midwives
	Jabeen Qureshi	Health Link Worker
	Natasha Wynne	Lay Member
	Raz Ahmed	Student
	Saras Biln	Ante/Postnatal Midwifery Manager (for Michaela Morris)
	Trisha Whisker	NCT
	Gail Soliman	Notetaker
Apologies:	Arash Bahmaie	Consultant Obstetrician
	Gillian Smith	Tamba
	Jane Pickett	Community Midwife
	Mary Bell	Consultant Midwife
	Michaela Morris	Head of Midwifery/General Manager Women and Children
	Sandra Campbell	Health Visitor

1 Minutes of the last meeting / Matters arising

Apologies were given for the late circulation of the minutes. The preparation of evidence for CNST has taken up a lot of time over the last few months with the level of work increasing in the few weeks before the evidence files were sent up on 28 October. Saras and Anna then explained the principle and process of CNST.

2 Staffing

Four students have completed and 5 midwives from Germany are continuing on orientation. There should be sufficient vacant posts for the students scheduled to qualify in the Spring. Once we are up to full establishment, Michaela will discuss with senior management the possibility of increase the establishment in staggered stages to the suggested levels from Birthrate Plus.

On the whole, there have been fewer occasions of restricted access with an increase due to high activity and a reduction for shortage of staff. Bookings are up for October to December so high activity will continue. The refurbishment of NICU may also affect deliveries when they have to close to admissions.

3 Normal birth

The blue home-from-home is now the bereavement room allowing these women more privacy. The second home-from-home is room 10, renamed Daisy.

4 Internet/IT System

Work is progressing with the installation of the hardware required and with training in the use of Evolution. Go-live is likely to be in December.

5 MSLC Members' Information Pack

A copy of the pack will be sent to Raz for her information. Her comments on how helpful it is would be welcome.

6 Presentation on Tamba Maternity Awards

Saras will liaise with Theresa and Rose with regard to our nomination.

7 Birth audit

Natasha asked if the birth audit had been discussed at any other fora and whether it had been benchmarked against other units.

10 Any other business

Hospicom - Saras said that this had been well accepted and no real problems had been experienced.

Hospital discharge forms - Sandra asked that we avoid using abbreviations. There have also been instances where health visitors have not been told when the mother is at a different address.

Patient information - Kerry and Natasha would like to see examples - Gail will send some of those recently approved

Confidential Enquiries - Anna explained the various confidential enquiries - the recommendations are translated into action plans for the unit and affect the way we work. The suicide rate in mothers has increased so mental health and domestic violence are to be given more prominence. The new CEMACH Enquiry will be published on 12 November and Anna will provide preliminary details at the January meeting.

11 Date of next meeting

17 January
1300-1430
Parent Education

Future meetings

14 March
16 May
11 July
12 September
14 November

November 2004