

SAPHNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Accident and Emergency liaison pathways

Held via MS Teams 15th February 2022

Attendees:	Sharon White	CEO
	Ann Podsiadly	Prof Lead SN Sussex
	Sallyann Sutton	Prof Lead 0-19 Walsall
	Tryphine Molineux	Prof Lead SN Walsall
	Lisa Worth	Paediatric liaison nurse Walsall
	Diane Irvine	SN, Girvan Scotland
	Fiona McKenna	Clinical Lead SN, Medway
	Julie Critcher	Prof Lead SN, Canterbury
Apologies:	Maggie Clarke Kerrie Christie	

Item	Discussion	Action	Deadline
Welcome and Introductions	 SW discussed terms of reference; agreed by group. Overall aim of this SIG is to produce national best practice standards for CYP A&E liaison pathways 		
The Challenge	Group discussion identified huge regional variation, quality, standards, and safety of practice resulting in huge volumes of frequently inappropriate documentation being sent to school nursing services; majority require no further action. Concern shared that also, many received where someone else should have done something first, facilitated by A&E staff. Need to articulate the use of School nursing and the best use of the role in protecting children. Other issues included > Volume versus time, audit > Paper versus electronic. > Paediatric liaison nurse role non standardised across UK; > Access to/info sharing records > RCPCH guidance states (Page 44 under the heading 'sharing of information'), "advises we need to let community health know of every child's attendance at ED" https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-06/FTFEC%20Digital%20updated%20final.pdf	ACTION is there national PLN guidance? SW/LW to enquire	
Geographical models	Group shared and discussed varying geographical practice/resolutions Should MASH/SPOC be used for triage? Should this be covered off within Safeguarding teams training offer? What best practice policies, if any, do we have?	All to scope and share	

	All agreed need wider representation to the group and expand scope to include Health Visitors. Others to include Institute of Health Visiting, National Network of Des Professionals, RCGP, RCPCH, other professional bodies Also, Scottish safeguarding expertise required Group agreed Sallyann and Ann P as Co-Chairs and Julie C as Vice -Chair	SW/ALL	
AOB	MS Teams functions to be reviewed and resolved for next meeting (apologies all)	Gemma Clark	
Next meeting	Tuesday 5 th April 2022. 11:15 – 12:30		
	SW thanked all for their time and talents, meeting closed		