### ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITALS H&SS TRUST

Minutes of the Hospital Management Team Meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2001, at 3.00 pm, in the Boardoom, Trust Headquarters, Altnagelvin Area Hospital

### Present:

Mr R McCartney, Director of Business Services (Chair)

Mr N Smyth, Director of Finance Mr A Moore, Director of Estates

Mr T Melaugh, Director of Clinical Support Services

Dr G Nesbitt, Clinical Director

Mrs J Hutchinson, Clinical Services Manager

Mr P Bateson, Clinical Director, Surgery & Critical Care Dr K Moles, Clinical Director, Medical & Ambulatory Care

Ms D Brennan, Clinical Services Manager

Dr M O'Kane, Clinical Director, Pathology Services Dr M Reilly, Clinical Director, Medical Imaging

Mr I Craig, Clinical Services Manager

Mrs S O'Kane, Clinical Director, Pharmacy & HSDU Dr D Martin, Clinical Director, Women & Children's Care

Mr B Moran, Estates Manager

Mrs M Doherty, Clinical Services Manager

# Apologies:

Mr N Sharma, Clinical Director, Surgery & Critical Care

Dr R Fulton, Medical Director Mrs S Burnside, Chief Executive Miss I Duddy, Director of Nursing Mr M Doherty, Director of Personnel

Dr A Beirne, Chairman, Medical Staff Committee

Ms H Allen, A/CSM, Pathology Services

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## In Attendance:

# 1 APOLOGIES/OPENING REMARKS

# 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Strategic Development Project



3 FINANCE REPORT



4 BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT



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# 5 CORE BRIEF



# 6 REPORT ON FLUID BALANCE

Dr Nesbitt informed members that he had been requested by Mrs Burnside to give members a report on the importance of fluid balance. He advised that he would give a presentation on IV Fluids, and had separated the presentation into three sections:-

- Renal physiology made easy
- A case report of Hyponatraemia (at Altnagelvin), and
- Recommendations

At the onset, he referred to a recent death of a 9-year-old child in the hospital, and emphasised that he was in no way making any criticism of anyone involved in this case, or on how the case had been managed. He advised that the purpose of his presentation was to draw out the important issues such as charting documentation, and to advise of changes in practice in relation to fluid exchange. He then proceeded to take members through a slide presentation. (A copy of the presentation made be obtained through the Office of the Chief Executive).

Dr Nesbitt concluded his presentation by stating, that in his opinion, Altnagelvin as a district general hospital, needs to change its practice and recommended:-

- Not just a case of change of fluid (default fluid solution is now changed to Hartmans at ward level, unless a consultant states something else).
- Regular checks should be carried out on electrolyte and blood sugars
- Review fluid balance at approximately 12 hours to see if it is still necessary

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• Avoidance of No 18 Solution - use only half strength saline, or ultimately use only saline or Hartman's.

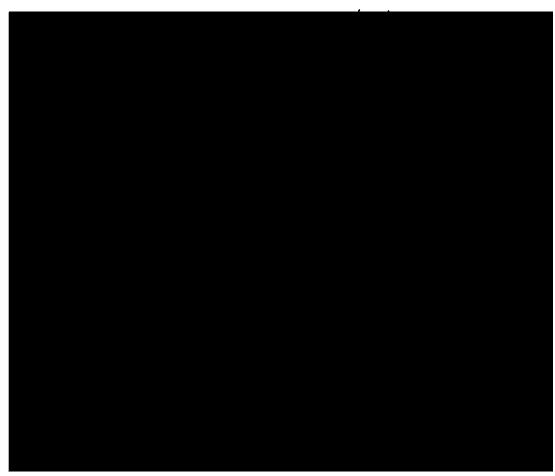
Dr Nesbitt advised that he would keep members updated on progress from the Department of Health on this matter.

Some observations were made as follows:

- If there had been a similar case elsewhere, should they have reported this more openly?
- Should Pharmacy Department stock No 18 Solution?
- Better record keeping and documentation of fluid balance checks.
- Importance of others learning from this episode for eg doctors in training to consultant level.
- Ensuring that correct diagnosis is made and U&E tests are carried out.

Members in general felt that it was an excellent presentation, and thanked Dr Nesbitt for his efforts.

### 7 RESPONSE TO ACUTE HOSPITALS REVIEW GROUP - HAYES



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8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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