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From: Browne, Andrew
Sent: 20 August 2008 16:35
To: Mooney, Jennifer
Cc: Livingstone, Jim; Lawson, Elaine
Subject: FW: Draft Report RQIA review of hyponatraemia-related NPSA alert

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Jennifer
I mentioned this earlier. It represents quite a lot of work for SQS, but in the first instance we should concentrate on points 1(a) and (d). Perhaps your earlier email covered (a). If not we should ensure that all the relevant people are asked for a response by the end of August. On (d) could you arrange a short meeting with Karen and Nicola for next week (Wednesday on)? We can discuss further action on my return next week.
Andrew

From: Harper, Carolyn
Sent: 20 August 2008 10:27
To: Galloway, David; Livingstone, Heather; Browne, Andrew; McLernon, Angela; Timoney, Mark
Cc: McBride, Michael; McCarthy, Miriam; Bradley, Martin; Morrow, Norman; Livingstone, Jim
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At our meeting yesterday we agreed the following approach to this report.

1. SQS will
 - a) coordinate a response to RQIA re any factual inaccuracies in the report;
 - b) discuss and agree handling with RQIA, specifically who should release the report - our view was that it should be DHSSPS as we commissioned the report;
 - c) discuss with RQIA our proposal to commission them to repeat the review in April 2009 to assess the extent to which Trusts have addressed the report recommendations;
 - d) discuss & finalise with GAIN
 - i) that under their auspices, a group will develop new guidelines for prevention & management of hyponatraemia in the 16+ age group, to be completed by late Nov/early Dec 2008;
 - ii) that the GAIN audit on adherence to hyponatraemia guidelines should take account of the NPSA audit tool that accompanied the NPSA alert, and should be done with a view to creating a regional audit tool that Trusts could use to audit their own practice into the future and at least annually as recommended in the RQIA report
 - iii) their view on 2d below and whether or not it's appropriate action in light of concerns raised by some staff re potential confusion.

2. When the final report is available (likely late Sep 2008), DHSSPS will issue it, probably through CMO, CNO, CPO in keeping with the original letter on the alert, though happy to take views on that. The covering letter will be drafted by SQS and will include
 - a) a requirement on Trusts to implement the recommendations - many are ongoing actions, but where we can we should specify a timescale for implementation;
 - b) notice that RQIA will reassess the extent to which the recommendations have been implemented from April 2009;
 - c) notice that GAIN are developing new guidelines for 16+ year olds & when these will be available;
 - d) direction that until the new 16+ guidelines are available, Trusts should use the 2007 guidelines for 1month-16 years and the 2003 guidelines for 16+ years;
 - e) notice of the GAIN audit and that following the audit, a regional audit tool will be available for Trusts to use in the future;
 - f) notice of the project to redesign the SAI system and the timescale for that project - need to aim to have definitive proposals around early Dec 2008.

3. SQS will bring the final report to the Safety Forum for discussion re any role they may have in facilitating Trusts to implement the recommendations. It is for the Safety Forum to decide their role, taking account of other demands for their services in the existing 08/09 work programme and their capacity at the time.

4. Mark Timoney will liaise with the relevant Trust pharmacy heads/groups to specifically ask them to follow up on recommendations 6 & 8 re multidisciplinary education/training on safe administration of IV infusions and a competency assessment tool.

Thank you for your input yesterday and happy to take further comments if you have any

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