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From: Campbell, Dr Henrietta
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To: McCarthy, Miriam
Cc: Carson, Ian; Mitchell, Elizabeth (Dr); Browne, Andrew
Subject: RE: Hyponatraemia and NPSA

Miriam

Superb! Can you ask David to put this in writing, and we should invite him over. Bob Stout is trying to get a Cochrane Review initiated but NPSA may already be doing this. Can we ask? Also, I think we should let John Leckey and Ed Sumner know as this will be welcomed by both, can you draft a letter setting out the good news?
Well done, you must accept much credit.

Etta

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From: McCarthy, Miriam
Sent: 22 June 2005 15:19
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Etta,

I have just had a very useful conversation with David Cousins at NPSA. He works within the area of Safe Medication Practice. He confirmed that the issue of hyponatraemia in children is now one of the NPSA priority projects and he is working on this in conjunction with a paediatrician, Terence Stevenson, and a pharmacist, Linda Matthew.

David expects to convene an expert group to agree guidance/alert in the autumn, issuing for consultation early 06 and final guidance/alert in 2nd quarter of 06. He envisages an approach that will entail the removal of isotonic fluids from use in 'general' paediatric areas eg surgical units or A&E. Their use would be restricted to specialty areas, with appropriate monitoring and consultant input.

He had our guidance sitting beside him and was impressed with our work to date. He was also interested to hear of the further work that Jarlath is doing on the fluid care pathway.

David would welcome further discussion with us--indeed he would be happy to come over and meet us, and/or to involve some of our paediatricians in the expert group that he will be establishing.

He will write to confirm the work that NPSA is progressing, and their interest in working with us and learning from our experiences.

Happy to discuss

Miriam