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Subject: RE: URGENT *** Submission re RQIA review into NPSA Safety Alert 22: Reducing the risk of hyponatraemia when administering intravenous fluids to children

Content.

Many thanks

Jim/Heather,

In respect of the summary of findings; para 4 and 6 in respect of clinical practice and training

Further to recent correspondence from the Belfast Trust and Professor Ian Young, can you please provide urgent clarification of current position following discussions with GAIN around concerns of potential vulnerabilities associated with having separate guidance for adults and children especially in circumstances where children are nursed on adults wards.

Heather I believe you were leading on this contact.

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Please see URGENT Submission attached on publication of RQIA report on Hyponatraemia requiring your clearance prior to submission to Minister.

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From: Livingstone, Jim
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Cc: Harper, Carolyn
Subject: FW: Hyponatraemia and fluid guidelines - summary of actions re adult guidelines

Colleagues

Carolyn has ask me to co-ordinate the actions below.

Could I ask Heather to consult with SCD in respect of them providing policy advice to Trusts in respect of items 1-3 below.

Could Paddy consider how best to promulgate action on items 4-6

Could Karen please follow up items 7 and 9

Could Martin please consider appropriate action on item 8.

Happy to discuss as required.

I would be grateful if colleagues would in due course advise me on action taken in this regard and any consequential issues that may arise.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jim

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Subject: Hyponatraemia and fluid guidelines - summary of actions re adult guidelines

Colleagues.

CMO, Heather Livingston and I met with Ian Young and Peter Maxwell pre-Christmas re the GAIN guidelines on hyponatraemia/fluid prescribing in adults. Following discussion it was agreed that GAIN would proceed with adult guidelines for patients age 16+ and they hope to have those ready early in 2009. (Relating to a separate query regarding the interpretation of age 16, Dr McAloon who chaired the paediatric group has confirmed that the paed guidelines from 2007 are intended for up to the 16th birthday and therefore the adult guidelines will apply from the 16th birthday. The age cut-off for the paediatric and adult guidelines will be clarified when the guidelines are issued & they will be issued together).

It was also agreed that to support medical staff in adult wards in prescribing fluids using the paediatric guidelines (mostly for the age group 13 to up to the 16th birthday):

1. Trusts would be asked to admit children up to their 16th birthday and likely to need IV fluids, to paediatric wards as much as possible, recognising that some hospitals will not have capacity to accommodate all <16 yr olds in paediatric wards
2. Within adult wards, Trusts would be asked to cohort 13 to <16 year olds as much as possible, recognising that their clinical condition/requirements is the overriding priority re placement
3. Senior advice should be readily available to any junior doctor seeking advice in prescribing fluids, particularly for those <16 but also for adults, whatever ward they may be in
4. Undergrad medical training should include fluid prescribing in children as well as adults, emphasising the need to seek senior advice
5. The medical school should be asked to consider ways in which to expose future F1s to fluid prescribing during work shadowing
6. Induction for F1 doctors should include prescribing fluids in 13-<16 year olds, emphasising the need to seek senior advice
7. Clinical teams should audit compliance with GAIN guidelines on hyponatraemia/fluid prescribing routinely on randomly selected cases and on all near misses and adverse incidents relating to fluid prescription, particularly for those <16

Subsequent to the meeting and in discussion with Jim Livingstone and Karen Campbell, the following were also agreed:

8. The issue of training nurses in the administration of fluids should be raised with relevant organisations to explore if further action is required
9. When the adult guidelines are available, GAIN will be asked to issue the <16 and 16+ guidelines together. The paediatric guidelines will be clarified to show that they apply up to the 16th birthday and the adult guidelines will show that they apply from the 16th birthday.
10. SQS will coordinate the follow-up action outlined above, through relevant colleagues as appropriate.

Thank you for your support in taking this forward
Carolyn

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