

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

FLUID MANAGEMENT

Action Notes of the Fluid Management meeting held on Monday 24 September 2007 at 3.00pm in the Seminar Room, Ward 16, Altnagelvin Hospital.

Present:

Dr D Brown
Mrs T Brown
Mr D Connolly
Dr C Imrie
Sr M McKenna
Dr G O'Donohoe
Dr P Stewart, Chair

1. Removal of sodium chloride 0.18% -

Noted ICU in the Erne are currently still using sodium chloride 0.18% as this is a specialised area. Not in use in any Children areas in the Trust.

2. Dissemination of Regional Guidelines.

- The Regional Guidelines were released on 31 July 2007 from the Department of Health. T Brown to contact the Department and find out when they are being released officially and how they will be disseminated to staff.
- Dr Stewart to copy 50 copies of our guidelines so that they can be placed in the Southern Sector, Dr O'Donohoe agreed to disseminate on receipt.
- T Brown to link with Medical Education Staff to obtain a full list of medical staff.

Since the meeting Dr Stewart has emailed Dr McBride requesting a copy of the final template.

Action: T Brown, Dr Stewart & Dr O'Donohoe

4. Training and supervision for all healthcare staff on Fluid Management.

- Dr Stewart is to work with Dr O'Donohoe to agree a training template and will then arrange to undertake four half-day training sessions.
- Dr O'Donohoe agreed to discuss the possibility of an E/Module with Sally Doherty and ask her to take this matter forward with Fergal Jurey.

Action: Dr Stewart & Dr O'Donohoe

5. Fluid prescriptions and fluid balance charts for children.

Dr Stewart, Dr O'Donohoe, Sister M McKenna and Maura Mackey are going to meet and try and agree the prescription sheet for use across the Trust. Erne already has a prescription sheet. The sheet is to be agreed prior to the training being undertaken.

Action: Dr Stewart, Dr O'Donohoe & Sr M McKenna

6. **Promote and reporting of hospital-acquired Hyponatraemia incidents.**
T Brown to discuss with Dr O'Kane the possibility of getting a monthly printout of Sodium's below 130 excluding NNICU. This would help to identify problem areas and audit could investigate this further.
Action: T Brown
7. **Implement an audit programme to ensure NPSA recommendations and local procedures are being adhered to.**
T Brown and D Connolly to look at the audit tool and get it signed off from the Drug & Therapeutic Committee.
Action: T Brown & D Connolly
8. **Fluid Management Policy – Dr P Stewart.**
Dr Stewart feels that a policy is not required and the guidelines will cover it.