

Medical Leaders Forum - Template

Date of Meeting	30 th April 2012
Agenda Item	HSC Trust's Policy Collaborative
Lead	Dr Julian R Johnston, BHSCT
Background	<p>JRJ met with CMO on 23rd April to update him on current position with the new Regional Fluid Prescription & Balance charts – one for adults and one for children.</p> <p>Subsequently, JRJ invited to present this work and that of the Policy Collaborative at Medical Leader's Forum.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Policy Collaborative formed in August 2010 from medical and nursing leads for standards, policy and governance committees of the 5 HSC Trusts. HSC Board Pharmacy also now represented.</p> <p>Have set up workplan to cooperate on selected policies with the aim of reducing time to plan, write and implement; basically by doing things once rather than 5 times. Also, better to have one policy rather than 5 different ones. More efficient, safer for patients and cheaper but, once agreed, needs the 5 Trusts to stick to those agreed policy/standards/charts.</p>
Issues to be resolved, proposed actions	<p>Fluid balance charts are the first result of this cooperation and Medical Leaders need to be made aware, to offer opinion and agree processes for safe implementation.</p> <p>Review of current workplan would be beneficial.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical (+ Nursing & Pharmacy) leaders need to agree that if Collaborative produces a single agreed item of work e.g. policy or chart, that all 5 Trusts will take them forward without making individual changes. 2. Needs improved engagement by medical, nursing and pharmacy clinicians. Need ownership of the main aim i.e. doing things 'once', by everybody and a willingness to strive towards producing a single piece of regional work, not just that which suits one's own Trust. 3. Role of Collaborative and its relationship to the Department, Board and each of the 5 Trusts needs aired. At the moment the Collaborative 'sits' at Trust level – good reasons for this. But, will it (should it?) evolve to sit 'higher' in the chain or have some other strategic guiding body? 4. Collaborative admin. is resourced by BHSCT but formal resourcing is required in order to devote appropriate time. 5. Has no strict assurance framework; outside that within each Trust.
Way Forward	Discuss place of Collaborative within Quality 2020, Safety Forum.