



Introduction:

The network, and the hospitals within it, have made leaps and bounds within the first year of opening in improving major trauma care for patients across the north of Scotland. The annual network event in October celebrated this and demonstrated the outcomes of dedicated staff in making a difference across the patient pathway (more about this later on). Working with our partner, the Scottish Ambulance Service, staff in the network have improved services from pre-hospital care, through acute treatment to better quality rehabilitation services which has kept the patient and their families at the centre of care, with their needs and requests as paramount.

Education and training, workshops and visits to other parts of the network have improved networking and creating relationships which will continue to improve patient care. Increased funding from the Scottish Trauma Network (STN) over the next five years will also mean that vital rehabilitation services can build on existing teams in specialist and community settings to support and ensure that people who have suffered a major trauma can realise the strap line of the STN which is to 'Give Life Back'.

New Rehab Posts:



OT & vocational rehabilitation, NHS Highland

Julie Blade



Paediatric Rehabilitation Co-ordinator, Major Trauma Centre, RACH

Nina Currie



Paediatric Rehabilitation Co-ordinator, Trauma Unit, Raigmore

Anna Cudmore



Vocational Rehabilitation post, NHS Grampian

Katy Scott



The new ScotSTAR North base opened in April 2019 at Dyce airport, Aberdeen.

As well as providing already existing neonatal retrieval services, a new Emergency Medical Retrieval Service (EMRS) team has been established which provides patients in remote and rural areas with rapid access to retrieval consultants, equipped to provide life saving specialist critical care. As well as consultants, the team includes care practitioners (paramedics and nurses) with additional skills in critical care retrieval.



Other new posts:



Network Clinical Lead from August 2019 is James Anderson, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. James trained as a Clinical Psychologist in Christchurch, New Zealand. He moved to Scotland in 2002 and during his time in the West of Scotland he held substantive posts in the Queen Elizabeth National Spinal Injuries Unit and the Quarriers Epilepsy Centre. Relocating to Aberdeen in 2017 he joined the Neuropsychology Department where he is currently the Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Major Trauma Centre. James is an honorary lecturer at Aberdeen University and Chair of the Division of Neuropsychology Scotland. We would like to thank Dr Chic Lee, who preceded James as Clinical Lead, for his passion and commitment to this role



Fiona Whyment, MTC Team Manager, started in post in September 2019. Fiona is a SCN in Orthopaedics, Woodend and is on a 6 month secondment trialling the post until March 2020.



Clinical Development Fellow posts:

Nina Goergen who is based in the MTC, at ARI

along with Victoria Poulton. Adam Campbell has also joined the Trauma Unit team at Raigmore Hospital as a CDF.

EDUCATION

Trauma Nurse Core Course was run in September in Aberdeen. More places to come next year.

Secondary Transfer Training took place in Aberdeen in September, Elgin in December and will take place in Inverness in March



European Trauma Course in Aberdeen in August and planned for Inverness in March



Don't forget the monthly VC education sessions. Held on the 4th Friday of the month, 12-1.30 #lunchandlearn

Next session will be 24th January 2020:

Trauma in Shetland



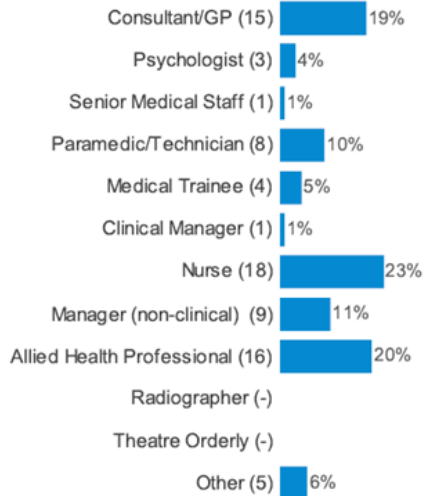
NoS Trauma Network Event- what a difference a year can make...

Pittordrie Football Stadium,
Aberdeen,
2nd October 2019

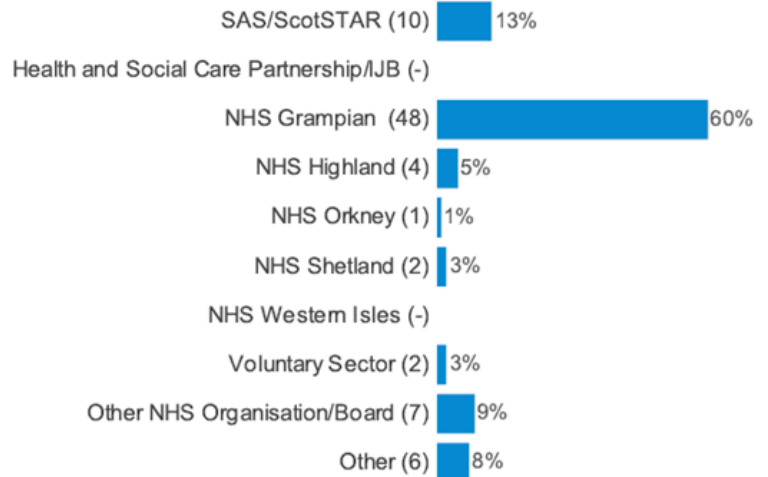


Feedback from an attendees survey : There were 165 attendees with 80 responders to the survey (48%).

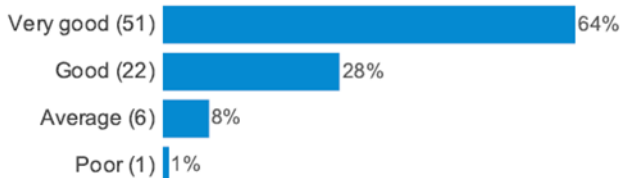
Role - please tick which role best applies to you



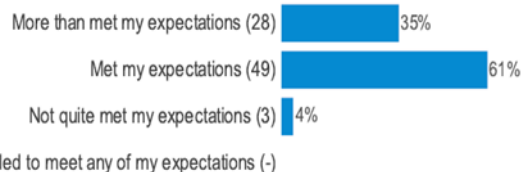
Organisation - please tick which best applies to you



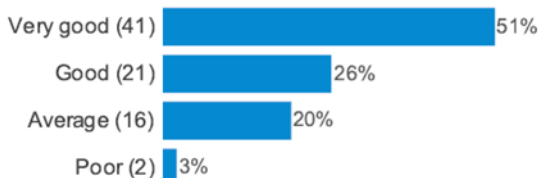
How would you rate the venue? (Location & Accessibility)



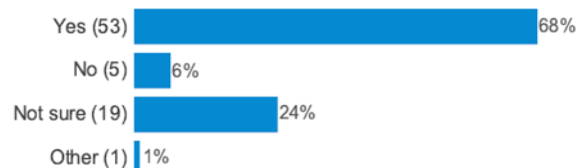
Reflecting on what you wanted to get out of the event – did the event meet your expectations?



How would you rate the venue? (Conference Room)



Do you feel we should hold this event on an annual basis?



Do you have any specific comments about any of the main presentations?

The patient stories were amazing, especially the young guy from Inverness who showed perfectly how the whole of the North network fits together.

All presentations were excellent. Really highlighted the journey the NoS Trauma network has been on over the past year but also the journey still ahead.

I thought they were all very good - gave enough information without overload.

There was a positive message throughout which boosted morale.



What do you think worked particularly well at the event?

It was run very well, workshops were all informative and enjoyable.

Ample opportunity to network, enjoyed the poster presentations, really interesting to see what is being done across the north of Scotland and beyond.

Good mix of delegates, good pace and content.

The venue was good with space for workshops and the main meeting area.

The choice of workshops was broad and interactive element kept them engaging.



What could help improve the Event?

Perhaps 2 longer workshops rather than 3 short ones

Some constructive reporting of the challenges that have been and continued to be faced by staff.

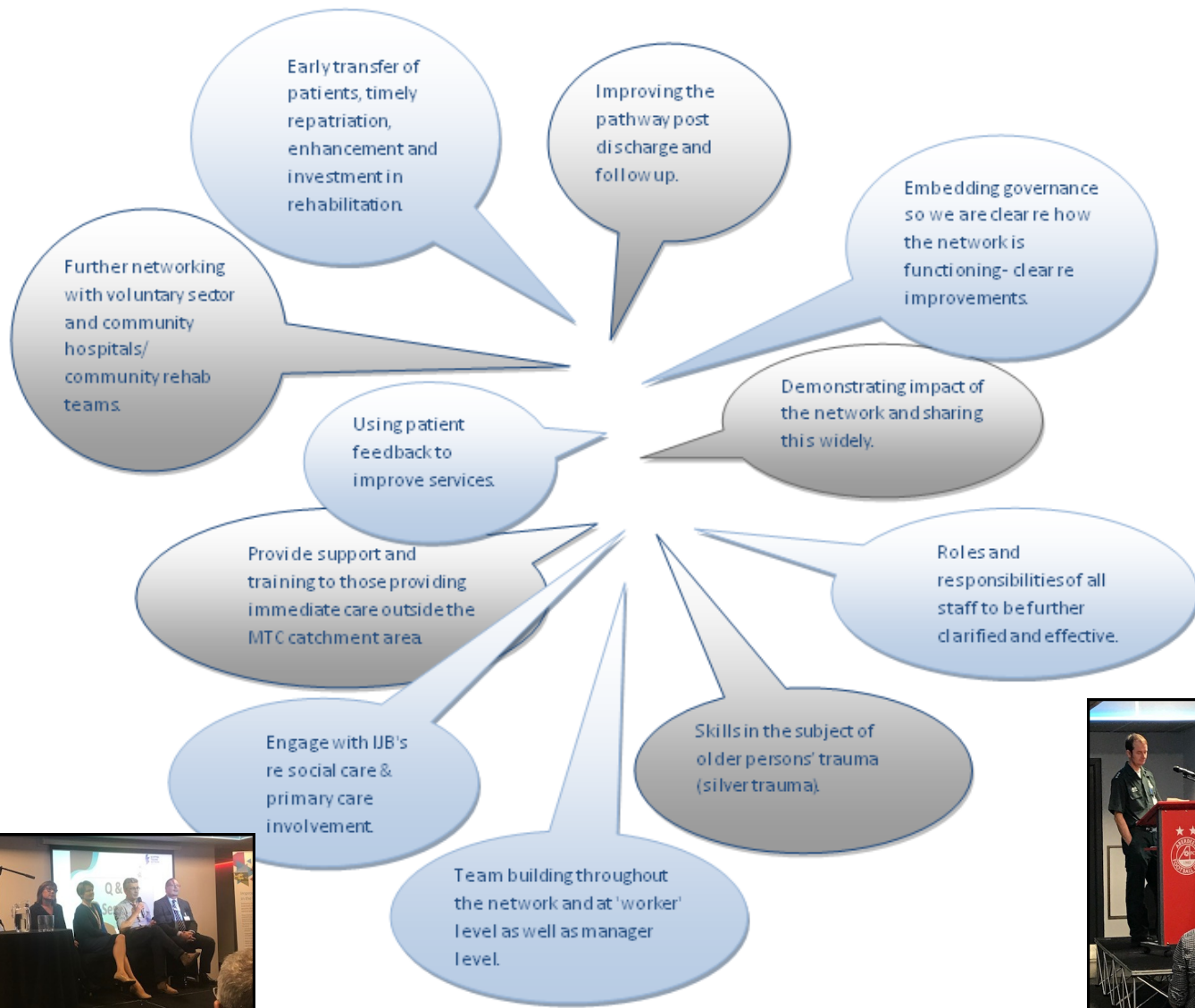
To have a bigger room for the workshops.

Was difficult to see screens and could not read presentations.

A greater consideration to where we are going and not just where we have been.



What do you feel are the three most important priorities for the NoS Trauma Network over the next 9-12 months?



The event was successful in showing the changes made to major trauma care over the whole patient pathway and how each of the partner organisations have worked together to improve care and achieve positive outcomes for patients.

The survey has given direction to priority areas of development over the next year and, together with the output from the workshops and patient experience feedback, will determine the Network's Improvement Plan.

Films of the presentations and slides are available on

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre/clinical-skills/2column-page-226-226.php> .

Please note patient stories should not be used on social media.

Please follow and contact us on:

Nospg.majortrauma@nhs.net
<https://www.nrhcc.scot/networks/trauma>

@NoSTraumaNtwk

@NoSTraumaNetwork

**Happy Christmas
and New Year
from the MTC
Team in Aberdeen**

