

North of Scotland Child Protection Managed Clinical Network



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Introduction

Happy New Year to all our friends and colleagues across the North of Scotland. Welcome to the latest edition of the North of Scotland MCN Child Protection Newsletter. As an MCN for Child Protection our aim is to support and facilitate the delivery of equitable, consistent and high quality child protection health services to meet the needs of children, young people and their families across the North of Scotland.

We are keen to keep you informed about our work in the North as well as our collaboration with the other regional MCNs in Scotland. Like everyone it has been a busy year with unprecedented demands on services through the pandemic. We are once again in Lockdown which affects the way our services are delivered. The ongoing work with the CMO Taskforce and HIS around Indicators to establish improved services for children and young people who have experienced rape and sexual assault. A National Clinical Guidelines Group has been established to support the development of clinical guidelines across Health Board areas.

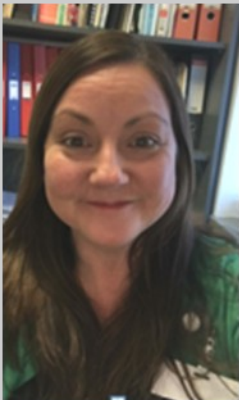


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We are delighted to announce that Dr Stephanie Govenden was successful in being appointed to the role of Clinical Lead for the North of Scotland MCN for Child Protection.

Dr Marianne Cochrane is stepping down from the role they have shared for the past 2 years. We would like to say a huge thank you to Marianne for her hard work and commitment to Child Protection and the MCN, also for her sense of humour which has always been appreciated. We will miss you Marianne!

CMO Taskforce Update

This established taskforce has been operational since March 2017. From the North there is representation from the MCN both from the Manager and Clinical Leads for Child Protection. Due to the nature of the Taskforce there is also links with the North of Scotland Forensic Services Alliance.

The MCN CP represents the North as part of the Children and Young People's Expert group as well as the Clinical Pathway Group. The Children and Young Peoples Pathway was launched along with the Adult Pathway in November 2020. As part of the resource a National Leaflet has been developed to support conversations with young people who are to have a Joint Paediatric Forensic examination. The governance for the use of this leaflet is to be supported through the CPCs. Following this it will be available for multi-agency use.

CYP Proforma

Paediatricians across Scotland have been working closely with the MCNs to review and revise the National Proforma used clinically when undertaking Child Protection examinations. This has now been finalised and will be in use from December 2020.

This has been designed to incorporate collation of Data to support the auditing of HIS Indicators.

Forensic Medical Services IT Solution

A National solution to record Forensic examinations is to be implemented; this has been extended to include Child Protection data collection. A working group will collaborate with the IT provider to develop the system. This work will ensure that there are appropriate links with Board level IT systems within Paediatrics. There is clinical information will replicate that held in the existing national Proforma for child protection examinations.

Work is ongoing to determine hope this will complement existing ways of working within Child Protection.

Review of CSA Services across the North of Scotland

It had been identified by both Paediatricians and Forensic Physicians that there are gaps within the services providing CSA examinations, this is particularly evident in the Out of hours periods.

The Child Protection MCN and the Forensic Medical Services and Custody health Care Alliance are working together to review these services. An options appraisal will be completed to agree the best future model across the North.

A virtual event will be taking place on the 28th of January. This will be a multi-agency event to include Health, Police and Social work. Invitations have been circulated – however if you are particularly interested please contact: tay.nospgproject@nhs.scot

MCN Website

We are to launch an MCN section on the North of Scotland Webpage.

www.nhsscotlandnorth.scot

MCN Information and updates will be available here.

Training and Education

As you are aware the MCN facilitates the delivery of a programme of training courses across the year. This has been impacted upon by COVID. We are working hard to review what the programme will look like for 2021 and will circulate in due course.

Peer Review

Thursday 27th May 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021

For Peer Review please contact your local Lead Paediatrician for Child Protection at Board Level.