Welcome to the SWCN e-Newsletter

from the Network Team

Welsh Government Updates

All Wales Heart Disease Implementation Group

Following the launch of Together for Health – A Heart Disease Delivery Plan in May, the Welsh Government has set up the All Wales Heart Disease Implementation Group (HDIG) chaired by Dr Andrew Goodall, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan Health Board. This group will provide strategic leadership for the delivery of the priorities set out in the Heart Disease Delivery Plan.

Local Delivery Plans peer reviewed

All NHS organisations are required to produce Local Delivery Plans (LDP) underpinned by local Health Needs Assessments by the end of December which will be peer reviewed by partner Health Boards at the next HDIG on 29 January 2014. The LDPs will be available on Health Board websites. A Strategic Delivery Plan will focus on all Wales issues.

Applications to Health Technology Fund 2014-15

A £9.5 million Health Technology and Telehealth Fund has been announced by the Health Minister. This fund aims to support the introduction of new technologies in non-hospital settings, using technology to support innovative ways of working at a local level.
Applications for funding in 2014-15 are now invited.
Replacement of existing assets are not supported

My Health Online

My Health Online is a new website developed by the Welsh Government open to the public.

Network News

South Wales Cardiac Network Teams
Swimming/Running for the Hearts of Wales

In a bid to raise funding for the Heart Research Fund for Wales, 8 dedicated Cardiologists and Professors from across Wales swam the English Channel on 26 September 2013. To date they have raised over £20,000.

Members of the South Wales Cardiac Network Team ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in support of the Heart Research Fund for Wales on 6 October.

RCN Nurse of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Sue Francombe, CHD Lead Nurse (Torfaen) as runner up in the Research Category of the RCN Wales Nurse of the Year Awards 2013. Sue’s research used focus group methodology to better understand the patient experience of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention service (PCI). The findings were used to develop a post PCI service across ABHB that was responsive, timely and patient centred.

Alison Turner – BHF SCST ECG Interpretation Course

Congratulations to Alison Turner, the Network Cardiovascular Audit and Primary Care Project Nurse in Mid and West Wales who
successfully passed the BHF SCST Diploma in Electro-cardiography with an overall mark of 93%.

Audit of Cardiac Services in Wales 2013

Presentations are available from this year’s National Audit of Cardiac Services in Wales. This was held on 6 November 2013 at the All Nations Centre, Cardiff supported by the Cardiac Networks, Welsh Cardiovascular Society and WHSSC.

Welcome to New Staff in the South Wales Cardiac Network

Aneurin Bevan UHB

Dr Shantu Bundhoo has been appointed as the third cardiology interventionalist at ABHB.

Cardiff and Vale UHB

Two new Locum Cardiac Surgeons have been appointed at UHW Miklosh Bitay and Govind Chetty

Christopher Coslett has taken over as Manager of the Cardiothoracic Directorate.

Highlights from recent Network meetings

SWCN SE Wales and Mid and West Wales Clinical Collaborative Groups

22 November 2013/13 December 2013

- WHSSC – ACHD service specification for South Wales will be developed with the involvement of the Network.
- The Network is producing a paper to progress the developments of cardiac MRI across south Wales
- The Cardiac Surgery Implementation Review Group are planning to reduce waiting times by outsourcing interventions to England.
- As part of the WHSSC prioritisation process, WHSSC are setting up Clinical Evidence Review Groups, including one for cardiothoracics.
- The National Heart Failure Audit Report for 2012-13 has been published.
- WAST NHS Trust are developing a Cardiac Arrest Survival Plan. Cardiff & Vale UHB will be piloting a similar scheme in 2014.
- The All Wales Cardiac Rehabilitation Working Group and the SWCN Cardiac Rehabilitation Advisory Group have now merged to form one
All Wales Cardiac Rehabilitation Advisory Group chaired by Julie Thomas with Elizabeth Hocking as Deputy Chair. Both are from ABM UHB.

- A review of services in Hywel Dda HB has been undertaken and the report is awaited.
- An external review into cardiac services at Morriston Cardiac Centre has been reported on. As a result significant improvements include the cardiothoracic unit being run as a separate directorate under Dr Phil Thomas for 12 months, a phased increase in workforce and an increase of 4 cardiac surgery beds.
- Guidelines for the management of suspected STEMI in patients with out of hospital cardiac arrest in Mid and West Wales have been developed in conjunction with the South Wales Critical Care Network
- The British Heart Foundation working in partnership have produced a HEART e learning Cardiac CPD Resource
- The British Heart Foundation are funding a heart failure project in Morriston Hospital looking at heart failure discharges
- Paul Smith has now taken up his role as the BHF Interim Area Development Manager for Wales.
- Trish Buck, the BHF Practice Development Co-ordinator will be working full-time for the second year of her secondment, working with primary care staff

Minutes of Collaborative Group meetings

SE Wales MINAP Workshop – Friday 6 December 2013

A useful meeting with clinicians, data collectors and MINAP helped to emphasise the importance of complete and accurate data entry in order to be able to use the audit data for service improvement. Only ABHB had sufficient resource to enter most records, but were also supported by IT. NICOR had plans to make data entry easier. Inaccurate or misleading diagnosis in notes lead to clinical coding difficulties. A similar meeting is planned for Mid and West Wales.

Other items of interest

Add to your Life

The Health and Wellbeing Check for the Over 50s – now called - Add to Your Life – is going through a period of testing before being launched, and can be accessed at www.addtoyourlife.co.uk for a trial. Comments and requests for local workshops or demonstrations are welcome to margie.fielden@wales.nhs.uk
BHF IV Diuretics QIPP Case Study Published on the NICE evidence website

BHF Home Administration of intravenous diuretics to heart failure patients case study published.

Upcoming Events

**The 12-Lead ECG Training Course**
Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th February 2014
University of South Wales, Glyntaf Campus, Treforest

**4th Cardiff ECG Course**
Friday 21 March 2014

**The ECG in Practice - Brush up your ECG interpretation Skills**
Friday 4 April 2014, University of South Wales, Glyntaf Campus, Treforest

**Welsh Primary Care Cardiovascular Society Conference 2014**
Wednesday 21 May 2014, Liberty Stadium, Swansea

**University of South Wales Spirometry Courses 2014**
Various dates throughout 2014, University of South Wales, Treforest

Dates for your diary

**January** 29 – All Wales Heart Disease Delivery Plan Implementation Group, Welsh Government Offices, Cathays Park, Cardiff

**March** 14 – South East Wales Clinical Collaborative Group Meeting
Venue TBC

We welcome any feedback that you may have to help us improve our communications. Please also get in touch if you would like to contribute to future issues

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