

SCOTTISH PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHETIC NETWORK AGM

Dunkeld Hilton Friday 23rd April 2010

Chairman: Dr G Rodney

Present:

Alistair Baxter (Edinburgh), Lew-Chin Chee (Inverclyde), Simon Crawley (Dundee Trainee), Tom Cripps (Borders), Craig Cumming (Dundee), Paul Fettes (Tayside), Mario Fernandez (Dundee Trainee), Gil Gavel (Dundee Trainee), Stephen Gilbert (Dunfermline), Colin Goutcher (Institute of Neurological Sciences), Chris Hawksworth (Crosshouse), Pamela Johnston (Dundee), Phil Lacoux (Dundee), Colin Lang (Stirling), Ros Lawson (Yorkhill), John Martin (Wishaw), Vimty Muir (Monklands), Jane Peutrell (Yorkhill), Janet Pollock (Institute of Neurological Sciences) Grant Rodney (Dundee), John Rutherford (Dumfries), David Rowney (Edinburgh), David Simpson (Edinburgh), Hamish Stewart (Dumfries), Jonathan Whiteside (Inverness), Graham Wilson (Aberdeen), Julie Wilson (Monklands trainee), Shelagh Winship (Perth)

Apologies:

Catriona Barr (Shetland)

Sponsorship

The generous sponsorship of Abbott, Kimberley Clark and Schering Plough (Suggammadex), was acknowledged

Office Bearers:

Grant Rodney, Chair of SPAN; **Alistair Baxter**, Educational Representative; **Vimty Muir**, Secretary SPAN; **John Rutherford**, Website manager; **Catriona Barr**, Remote & Rural Representative; **Graham Wilson**, Accounts

Minutes:

2009 Minutes held on 24th April 2009

Corrections:

APA Scottish Membership – Dr Peutrell confirmed that there would be no specific regional representative on the APA committee in future. However, in the absence of a committee member from any of the devolved countries, there would be an electronic ballot of members to identify a national advisor from that region to attend council meetings of the APA

Specialist Paediatric Services – Dr Simpson with respect to the political aspiration for delivering a local service, the last sentence should have read 'with recognition that there needs to be a separate remote and rural solution'

Matters Arising:

1. Membership of SPAN

Currently stands at 66

Dr Rodney asked SPAN for their views on trainees joining and whether they should be restricted to those involved in intermediate or advanced paediatric training

Drs Lang, Peutrell & Lawson felt there should be no discrimination and that the numbers would probably be small and self-selecting.

Dr Baxter asked about inviting paediatric nurses to the group. **Dr Wilson** described this as being a similar model to the 'Partners in Paediatric' Network

General consensus was to encourage more SPAN members

Plan: Committee will discuss advertising the group further afield

2. Accounts:

Dr Wilson confirmed that prior to this meeting we were ~£2000 in the black and would **probably have around £3500 afterwards**

Dr Peutrell advised to keep funds to cover 'liabilities'

There was general consensus with **Dr Cripps** view that we use SPAN funds to support non-medical staff attending these meetings and possibly trainees too.

3. SPAN Website:

Dr Rutherford reported that work on the website was still ongoing and that he welcomed any suggestions/input

Dr Wilson showed us the new APAGBI website. There is a proposal to host regional network websites on the APA site and to provide support. The committee to confirm with Dr Morton

4. Education:

Dr Baxter: feedback from the SPAN Paediatric Airway meeting in November 2009

47 attended – 24 consultants, 11 trainees and 12 nurses

There were some problems with speakers needing to withdraw at the last minute, albeit, for genuine reasons, however Alistair was able to successfully rearrange the morning lectures.

Those who attended reviewed both the morning session and the afternoon of workshops and the Mobile Skills Bus very positively.

Some nursing staff reported that they found the equipment workshops less useful.

There followed some discussion from the group about how often we should hold these educational meetings; whether we should provide on-line education e.g. via a forum; possible subjects for future meetings e.g. sedation, core topics

It was agreed that we (Alistair & Ros) should try and arrange another educational meeting towards the end of this year

Plan: SPAN Secretary to email everyone to ask their views

5. AOCB

- **Dr Simpson:** The government has invested £32 million in a National Specialist Paediatric Services review recognising the need for locating some of these in DGH's and are thus requiring a viable profile of paediatric services that a DGH can provide. To that end, **SPAN Secretary** forwarded some background paperwork last month and **Dr Simpson** encouraged us to forward the completed templates to SPAN to provide the Review group with a summary of DGH requirements by 7th May 2010. A draft report will be made available in October this year.
- **Dr Simpson** also reported that an inspection of all paediatric services, either via QIS or the Children & Young Person's Health Support Group, is planned as soon as funding is secured.
- **Dr Wilson** reported that self-assessment as part of the APA peer review process is ongoing in Tayside, Inverness, Dumfries & Aberdeen
- **Finally**, SPAN wished Glasgow all the best with preparations for the Joint meeting of the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland with the Canadian Paediatric Anesthesia Society. 37th APA Annual Scientific Meeting & AGM at the Radisson on 13-14 May 2010.

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SPAN Secretary

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