

### **National meeting of children's networks in London on 15<sup>th</sup> July**

A meeting is planned for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Royal College of Surgeons, London. This meeting is being delivered by NHS England and The British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and is open to children's networks.

The aim of the meeting is to allow all surgical and anaesthetic networks to meet and discuss issues related to delivering high quality children's surgical care.

If you would be interested in attending please email: [csforum@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:csforum@rcseng.ac.uk)

### **BAUS President sends all members message about legal position on management of torsion**

When children require emergency surgery, they should ideally receive a high-quality service in their local area. Services must ensure that, where treatment facilities are not available locally, referral and transfer to other services is managed safely and quickly without jeopardising the child's outcome.

In Urology the commonest problem is be the management of testicular torsion. It is not acceptable to transfer children with suspected torsion simply because urologists do not have an elective practice in children's surgery. We have taken advice from the medical teams of MDU and MPS and have been told that they would support urologists undertaking torsion surgery, even if they do not have a routine paediatric practice. They would not, however, support surgeons who transferred children inappropriately if they came to harm.

Given the large geographical and demographic variations around the country, local solutions must be agreed with Medical Directors through networks of secondary and tertiary services. The RCS England's Children's Surgical Forum has produced standards for non-specialist emergency surgery in children. This is available via the [BAUS website](#).

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## Mapping the networks

A big thank you to all those who have taken the time to feedback information about networks within their region!

We now have the start of a really valuable resource that will hopefully allow networks to share learning and clinicians of all types to find the networks within their area. This information is available on the [CSF website](#) and will be updated regularly. Please have a look and help us increase the content!

Click here to fill in the short network survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/76PN6LH>

## Commissioning guide on Paediatric Torsion now out for consultation

The East Midlands Strategic Clinical Network has been working with The Royal College of Surgeons to develop a commissioning guide on '*Management of paediatric torsion*'. This draft guide is now out for public consultation **until 29<sup>th</sup> April** and feedback is welcomed. Please [click on this link](#) to download the guide and feedback form.

To find out more about the College's NICE accredited commissioning guides and how they are developed please [visit the website](#)

## NCEPOD are looking for clinical reviewers for Child Health Review

NCEPOD is carrying out several new Child Health reviews (<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/childhealth.html>):

- Cerebral palsy
- Adolescent mental health

They are looking for clinicians from all disciplines to act as case reviewers. If you are interested in supporting this work please email [cerebralpalsyncepod.org.uk](mailto:cerebralpalsyncepod.org.uk)

## GMC and RCS to launch standards for cosmetic surgical practice April 12<sup>th</sup>

The GMC will be launching [standards](#) for cosmetic surgical interventions, including a section on children's surgery. Alongside this the RCS will publish [professional standards for cosmetic surgery](#).

## Building an online 'Hub' of resources

Developing documentation such as job descriptions, protocols etc. can be very time consuming and adapting one can really speed up implementing change. We are building a resource with examples of descriptions, protocols and pathways, patient information leaflets, audit tools and anything else you have developed to improve your service and that you are willing to share with others. This will then be listed on the network website pages under your service or network name.

Please send any documents to [csforum@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:csforum@rcseng.ac.uk)

## RCoA publish updated Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services 2016

Updated GPAS chapters, including a chapter on Provision of Paediatric Anaesthesia are now available at the [RCoA website](#)

## NHS England specialised commissioning policies out for consultation

NHS England has several specialised commissioning policies and service specifications out for public consultation:

- [Obesity Surgery for children with severe complex obesity](#) (until 10<sup>th</sup> April)
- [Paediatric onset Multiple Sclerosis](#) (until 20<sup>th</sup> April)
- [Gender Identity Development Service for children and adolescents](#) (until 20<sup>th</sup> April)
- [Sodium oxybate for symptom control of narcolepsy with cataplexy \(children\)](#) (until 20<sup>th</sup> April)

Feedback is given via an online survey on the consultation hub.

### Contact the CSF

We are happy to try and support services source information and contacts.

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