

13 MANAGED CLINICAL NETWORK FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Best Practice Guidance for Child Sexual Abuse Peer Review

Purpose:

To develop a proactive culture of learning about procedures, process and evidence base underpinning diagnosis.

To provide support regarding opinions reached and benefit from the experience of peers who are doing the same work.

Objectives:

- To provide time for discussion of cases in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere
- To provide support through the sharing of experiences with others
- To review cases seen to ensure appropriate evidence based management
- To view photo / DVD documentation accompanying the case presentation and share learning
- To provide training for inexperienced paediatricians and forensic physicians

Attendees:

ALL East Region Paediatricians and Forensic Physicians conducting child sexual abuse examinations

Process:

- The Chair will be drawn from amongst the group and should rotate
- Each doctor should attend at least 6 peer review meetings per year, one of which should be regional or national
- Attendees should be recorded on a sign-in sheet which should not be linked to any details of specific cases discussed. Individuals should keep a log of their attendance / certificates to present in their annual appraisal / revalidation
- Examining doctors should be present for the discussion of their case
- Photographic evidence should be produced – and should be presented prior to case information being shared (to avoid bias in interpreting findings)
- It is the lead Consultant for each case who is responsible for ensuring any actions, changes of opinions and recording related to case management
- Peer review should not be regarded as a second, expert or consensus opinion for Court purposes. If this is a requirement of a particular case, a separate meeting should be held.
- Peer review should not be considered as clinical supervision.
- Microsoft teams will be used for the meetings, as it is ideal for sharing encrypted DVD's: Please ensure that:
 - Meetings **MUST NOT** be recorded under any circumstances, including using mobile phones
 - Ensure you are in a private place where nobody can view your computer screen, especially if you are working from home
 - Ensure you wear a headset to avoid anyone overhearing discussions.
 - Peer Review invites **should not** be forwarded on to anyone – if you need to add anyone to the meeting, please contact laura.cuthell@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk and sarah.tait@borders.scot.nhs.uk.
- N.B EAST REGION MCN CP recommends attendance at least 6 peer review meetings per year

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