

Managed Clinical Network for Child Protection

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Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of the South East Scotland MCN Child Protection newsletter. As an MCN for Child Protection our aim is to support and facilitate the delivery of consistent, equitable, high quality child protection specialist health services to meet the needs of children, young people and their families in the South East of Scotland.

We are very keen to keep you informed about the work we do regionally and our collaboration with the other regional MCNs in Scotland. We have had a busy year with the ongoing work of CMO taskforce that was established to improve services for adults and children who have experienced rape and sexual assault. We continue to develop regional and national policies and guidance, and the 3 MCNs continue to work together on training events in collaboration with the RCPCH. We are delighted to welcome Laura Cuthell to the team as our administrator and look forward to working with her!

CMO Taskforce Update

In March 2017, a Taskforce for the improvement of services for adults and children who have experienced rape and sexual assault was set up and lead by the Chief Medical Officer. This expert group was devised to consider what improvements were required for healthcare and forensic medical services for those who have experienced rape and sexual assault.

The Managed Clinical Network for Child Protection has been representing the South East on some of this work within different sub groups.

HIS Standards

In 2017, Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) published the 'Healthcare and Forensic Medical Services for People who have Experienced Rape, Sexual Assault or Child Sexual Abuse: Children, Young People and Adults' Standards

HIS have now published interim indicators (December 2018)

http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our-work/person-centred_care/resources/sexual_assault_indicators.aspx



Healthcare and Forensic
Medical Services for People
who have experienced Rape,
Sexual Assault or Child Sexual
Abuse: Children, Young People
and Adults

Indicators (Interim)
December 2018



The Children's and Young People's Pathway Group

The subgroup was set up to look at developing a Clinical Pathway and Guidance for Healthcare Professionals in Scotland working to support children and young people less than 16 years of age, or up to 18 years of age if the young people have been looked after or accommodated, or those with additional support needs; who present having experienced sexual assault or rape. A clinical pathway for adults is out for consultation at present. It is anticipated that this guidance will help Health Boards and local authorities and integrated joint boards to inform them on how services are delivered and structured locally.

Changes to Recording Data

The minimum data set form has been slightly changed and now has a category section. Can all Consultants please ensure you complete this section on the proforma. References can be found from the Adams Paper 2018.

Was timing in the best interest of the child		No, Reason :	
Examination Findings (Use 2018 Adams Paper - Table1 for reference)			
Section	Letter		Number

Radiological Imaging

The National Proforma was updated at the end of 2018. The consent page was updated in line with guidance from the Royal College of Radiologists re radiological imaging. The Consent page can be used stand alone for skeletal survey consent.

*The Radiological Investigation of Physical Abuse in Children.
Royal College of Radiologists in September 2017*

Forensic Medical Examinations of Children who are Suspected of Sexual Abuse and Serious Crime

A short life working group has been convened to look at how children who are accused of rape and sexual assault were managed in terms of forensic medical examination. The HMCIS Strategic Overview stated that '*Police Scotland should work under NHS Scotland to ensure suspected Perpetrators of sexual abuse who are under 16 years old are not forensically examined within police custody facilities*'. This group aims to provide guidance, greater clarity and best practice on undertaking forensic medical examinations for suspects of serious crime including sexual abuse who are under 16 years of age.

Children and Young People Expert Group

This group was convened in December 2018, under the remit of the Delivery and Performance Group. It will provide national oversight and clinical expertise to focus specifically on supporting NHS Boards to make improvements to services for children and young people. This group will also support the development of the Clinical Pathway for Children and Young People.

MCN Website Re-Launch

We are in the process of updating the MCN website. Watch this space for more info.



Upcoming Educational Events

Child Protection in Scotland: From Examination to Court: 25th and 26th March 2019

**Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street,
Edinburgh**

This course will help equip Paediatricians involved in child protection cases with the skills to gather evidence as part of clinical practice and effectively present this within professional witness reports and court testimony.

Register via: www.rcpch.ac.uk

Clinical Evaluation Child Sexual Abuse One Day Advanced Update

Thursday 19th September 2019

Stirling Court Hotel

This is a national course in the clinical evaluation of child sexual abuse, aimed at Paediatricians and Forensic Physicians who have already completed the Clinical Evaluation 2 day course in CSA or those with equivalent experience in the field.

For further information, please contact

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Peer Review and COEG Dates

CSA Peer Review

22/1/19	9.15-12.00	JC	SPHERE Seminar Room
26/2/19	9.15-11.15		SPHERE Seminar Room
19/3/19	9.15-12.00	ET	RHSC, Child & Life Seminar Rm
23/4/19	18.30-20.30		SPHERE Lecture Room
21/5/19	9.15-11.15		SPHERE Lecture Room
18/6/19	9.15-12.00	ET	3rd Floor Seminar Room, New Hosp
23/7/19	9.15-12.00	JC	SPHERE Lecture Room
27/8/19	9.15-11.15		SPHERE Seminar Room
24/9/19	9.15-12.00	ET	SPHERE Lecture Room
22/10/19	18.30-20.30		SPHERE Lecture Room
19/11/19	9.15-11.15		SPHERE Seminar Room
17/12/19	9.15-12.00	JC	RHCY, Conf Room 1&2, New Hosp

JC—Journal Club

ET—Educational Topic

CP MCN—Clinical & Educational Sub Group (COEG)

26/2/19	12.00-14.00	SPHERE Seminar Rm
21/5/19	12.00—14.00	SPHERE Lecture Rm
27/8/19	12.00—14.00	SPHERE Seminar Rm
19/11/19	12.00-14.00	SPHERE Seminar Rm

