Approved Minutes
BASHH Clinical Standards Unit Meeting
Thursday 17th January 2012
Mortimer Market Centre

Present
Imtyaz Ahmed (Chair)
Danielle Mercey (Minutes)
Ceri Evans
Jane Hutchinson
Hugo McLean
Anne Sullivan
Jane Dickson
Richard Lau
Killian Quinn
Ruth Lowbury (MEDFASH)
Jan Clarke (PPI and NCSP)
Jenny Uffindell (NCSP)

Via Teleconference
Alan Tang
Colm O’Mahoney
Steve Baguley

Apologies
Celia Skinner
Grainne Cooney (Nurse)
Jyoti Dhar
Mark FitzGerald
Kate Guthrie

Welcomes, farewell and introductions
IA welcomed the newcomers to the group.
Grainne Cooney has announced that she is stepping down as she prepares to go on maternity leave. IA expressed thanks on behalf of the group for work done.

Minutes of meeting of 9th June 2011
These were agreed to be accurate.

Matters arising
- HQIP
HML reported on the successful bid for a joint BHIVA/BASHH/MEDFASH audit programme. Jane Anderson is leading for BHIVA and a face to face meeting will be convened soon. There will be clear overlap and synergy with CSU.
- CSU Website
IA will produce a statement on function of the group for the website. The standards could also go on there with minutes of past meetings. Any documents for public consultation should go there too.
- Co’M had sent a document outlining what a RCP Visit consists of and this had been circulated to the group.

BASHH and NCSP Standards for Chlamydia Management.
JU explained that following consultation and discussion the previous 11 standards had been reduced to 5 (details in accompanying document from JU)
Discussion ensued regarding “No news is good news” approach to results management which was not deemed good practice by the group despite persisting in some GU services. Alternative models were discussed and the importance of any statement not precluding use of newer technologies emphasized.
JU was asked whether any PPE had produced an answer on this aspect but there was no clear view. The standards will go out for consultation in BASHH. The PN standards were discussed. SSHA, NCSP and BASHH will all have same standards. Wording to be checked. SB reported that in Scotland a recent review of evidence linking chlamydia to serious outcomes might alter emphasis placed on chlamydia PN as serious adverse health outcomes were so rare. It was agreed that NCSP could usefully input directly into next standards document to avoid duplication.

**SSHA HA Competencies**
MM introduced these and explained that they would go to Education Committee for further feedback.

**NICE Standards**
IA reported that BASHH had offered to work with NICE on production of NICE guidelines for Sexual Health. A response is awaited. DEM reported that there is an on-going consultation on the process by which NICE develops quality Standards from its guidance to which Keith Radcliffe had asked for a response. DEM reported that she had not seen anything controversial or that was not best practice in the proposed process. IA to check with Liz Carlin and Keith as to how we are to formally feedback.

**KPIs**
1. Discussion about desirability of retaining access target but using working days.
2. Need to update the training matrix and ensure matched BASHH statement on competencies.
3. Enormous variability in history taking noted. Work on-going to update the BASHH Guidelines on history taking by Gary Brook and these should be referenced. Role of BASHH Information Group in taking a dataset through ISBN process discussed. Slow process!
4. Testing turnaround should be 7 days for most tests.
5. Minor changes only required
6. HML explained that audit had used a list of compliance Qs which were not always well understood. Suggested could ask about compliance of service with relevant CQC standard.
7. Much discussion about how to ensure pathways from level 1 and 2 services.
8. Clear definition with no change proposed
9. PPE. Existence of a plan was easy Q but evidence of using PPE could be asked for.

It was suggested that the revised wording (where required) for each KPI be submitted to DEM by Feb 3rd.
The Education Committee would need to be involved in re-drafting the training matrix.

**Review of Standards Document itself**
It was felt that for this year reviewing the KPIS was appropriate but that there then needs to be a clear timetable for the whole Standards Document to be reviewed.

**Performance Reports**
CS had tabled some examples of these and was asking for suggestions for standards to be included. It was felt that the number should not be excessive and must only contain measures that the service can influence. One suggestion was for the proportion of patients from most deprived postcodes to be measured and expected to increase. Other suggestions to be sent to CS.

**Prison Service Standards**
AT asked for help in producing standards for prison services for GUM and HIV. A commissioning document has been on the BASHH website for some time. Attempts at engaging prison service staff and Offender Health had not so far been successful. A number of suggestions were made. The STIMS document could be used at a meeting of service providers to look at where current difficulties lie in order to best prepare for new guidance. Karen Rogstad could be approached for names of people who might be more interested within Offender Health. The SARCS document from the Home Office might be used as a model.

**AOBs**
There were no other AOBs

**Date and Time of next meeting in April/May 2012**
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