

NEWSLETTER

January 2025



WMMN Key Updates

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025 - rocking progress from strength to strength!

We had a successful final quarter and made great progress in many areas. The **data sharing agreement (DSA)** is currently undergoing final reviews prior to implementation. This will provide essential background denominator data from all around the region, including better data on important outcomes to help adjust care. **The Cardiac Care in Pregnancy guideline and Haematology MDT SOP** were recently approved by UHS governance and circulated to region to pass through your local governance process. **The Post-Natal Hypertension pathway** has now been approved and circulated - all guidelines/pathways are attached with this newsletter. **The WMMN patient facing website on Healthier Together** is completed and patients can now be signposted [here](#). The professionals page is in the last stages of development and we will alert you all once live. The WMMN team have been busy setting up MDT meetings with nearly all regional hospitals. These meetings are available for all, at frequencies to suit yourselves and we hope they provide useful support and guidance (including shelter from the almost inevitable enquiry that is modern medicine).

January is set to be busy with our second **Case Sharing Conference on Friday 10th January 1330-1530**. We have an endocrine theme and some exciting cases lined up. **Monday 13th January will be our first network meeting of 2025**; agenda attached (please let us know if there is AOB). We have also included our **WMMN vision/strategy document** for comment/discussion at the network meeting so we can enter 2025 with a clear vision of who we are, where we want to go and how best to get there.

Obstetrics

The team is busy planning future teaching events including our joint obstetric and cardiac study day which will take place on 20th May and our Diabetes in pregnancy conference (date TBC) and we will share more information in due course.

Midwifery

As we come to the end of 2024, we have continued our midwifery teaching in Dorchester and started in HHFT that will continue into 2025's training cycle and we have run two midwifery red flag sessions based on the RCP toolkit (number 15) which have all been well received. Looking to the future we would like to run education sessions with those outside maternity settings and would value your help with linking with other areas and highlighting the network in non- maternity settings. If you have any links that you feel would be useful please contact us via

WessexObstetricMedicine@uhs.nhs.uk.

Obstetric Physicians

Thank you to everyone who attended our first joint obstetric and neurology study day in November. This was well attended and feedback suggests the day was well received, so we are looking to hold similar events on an annual basis going forward. The entire session was recorded and access can be granted on request.

Network Referrals

ALL Maternal medicine referrals and advice requests should be sent to

WessexObstetricMedicine@uhs.nhs.uk

(or **ANC.Cardiac@uhs.nhs.uk** for cardiac concerns)

Referral template will follow but for now please include NHS no and relevant information in all emails

MDT's

Network clinicians and trainees are welcome, contact us for links:

- **Cardiac (operational only)** Monthly, first Thursday, 1500.
- **Haematology:** Monthly, third Monday, 1400 (**please ensure referral forms are completed for all new referrals**)
- **Asthma & Difficult Airways:** Monthly, fourth Thursday, 0900
- **Endocrinology & Diabetes:** Weekly, Wednesdays, after PM clinic
- **Rheumatology:** Regular Wessex Meeting

Additional Learning

We are pleased to share details of two learning opportunities below which may be of interest.

King's Health Partners post-grad short course called 'Essential Knowledge of Obstetric Medicine' which aims to address the knowledge gaps that contribute to poor outcomes and indirect causes of maternal death. For more information click [here](#)

Multi-disciplinary approaches to maternal health elfh programme. For more information click [here](#)

Diary Dates

- 10th January: **Case Sharing Conference**
- 13th January: **Network Meeting**
- TBC: **Diabetes Conference**
- 2nd May: **AIM Study Day**
- 20th May: **Joint Cardiac Study Day**

To book onto any of our events please contact natalie.chapple@uhs.nhs.uk