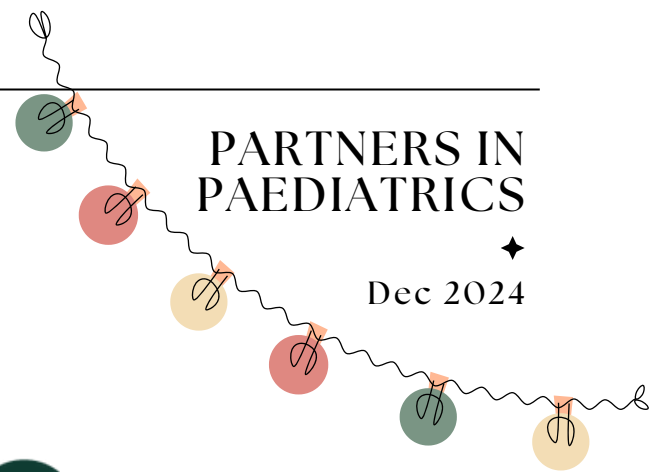




Winter Newsletter

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Dear PiP Members & Friends...

Thank you to all of our members for your engagement and support throughout 2024.

We have enjoyed visiting many of you with our PiP 'roadshow' and were overjoyed to see so many of you at our Annual Conference in October.

Our networks continue to thrive thanks to the hard work and dedication of our network members and wonderful network chairs.

We have enjoyed supporting our networks with various education opportunities, and are very excited to share with you the education we already have planned for 2025.

The team continue to update the Paediatric Clinical Guidelines and are on track for edition 10, April 2025.

Moving into 2025 we look to continue further engagement with leadership teams, develop and expand our education opportunities and grow the engagement and memberships of the Partnership.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful festive season and thank you all again for your continued hard work and support.

PiP team x

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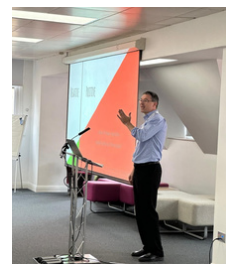
Our annual conference this year took place on 15th October and brought together over 90 delegates from across all the PiP member organisations, plus representatives from NHSE, Public Health, Local Authority and Voluntary sector, making it a truly collaborative networking day.

Chaired by PiP Director, Mary Passant, the focus of the conference was designed and driven by the members, asking for support, education and discussion around patient safety, with a particular focus on practical examples of how colleagues across the region are tackling safety concerns and preparing for Martha's Rule.

The event opened with a heart-wrenching reminder of why bringing parents, carers and families close into care delivery and risk identification is critical. The powerful and moving talk from Melissa Mead MBE of the UK Sepsis Trust focused on 'The Reality of Not Thinking Sepsis' and left delegates in the room with a strong message that communication and understanding parental concerns is a fundamental element of patient safety.



Following on from this, Honorary Professor Damian Roland, Consultant Paediatrician in Emergency Medicine from the University of Leicester Teaching Hospital enhanced the message of looking beyond the 'score', sharing work that has been done to encourage and enable a more holistic review of risk.



Martha's Rule was a key focus area for all PiP members and will continue to be so over the coming months and year. Delegates were able to hear about the work that has been done in the region's tertiary centre; and think about how some of this learning can be applied across the District General and Community Trusts and the unique challenges this brings. The conference heard how the West Midlands Paediatric Critical Care Network has been selected and funded as one of only a few pilot sites nationally to support learning and implementation of Martha's Rule across the region and Natalie Read, Lead Nurse, urged organisations to get involved in this unique opportunity.

Throughout the remainder of the day, the network of PiP members were able to hear from a whole range of projects and initiatives that have been undertaken across our member organisations, including work from Karl Emms, Patient Safety Lead and Muriam Ahmed, Junior Sister at Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital NHSFT on reducing incidence and harm from extravasation by risk rating all known medications. There was a real appetite to share and learn from this work to spread benefit across the region, demonstrating the true power and benefit of networking.

Safety Project Showcase

Many thanks in addition to all the project showcase presentations which highlighted excellent quality improvement initiatives happening across a range of services.

Dr Zahra Olateju shared work on reducing GP referral rejections at Royal Wolverhampton, a team from Shrewsbury & Telford NHSFT shared two care bundles they have developed to support young people with eating disorders and to improve identification and management of the deteriorating patient. Birmingham Children's Hospital shared a further two projects, with Dr Eleanor McCullagh highlighting the collaborative work she has led with Public Health England at Birmingham City Council on improving access to healthy start vitamins from the Emergency Department; and Karl Emms challenged delegates to test assumptions with work on improving nasogastric tube placement leading him to identify errors in certified equipment.



Congratulations go to Dr William Rook, who won the prize presentation for his work on improving anaesthesia residents' management of perioperative emergencies.

Additional thanks go to our marketplace sponsors who added an additional educational element to the day – ADHD 360 introducing us to the current and growing demands of ADHD services, Broadstone Technologies introducing us to how we can learn from the financial sector; and Coventry and Warwickshire demonstrating their CYP Interactive Competency Framework.

The day closed with the Annual General Meeting, a round up of the year's activities, memberships and financial position. PiP are proud to continue to be a thriving host for clinical networks across the West Midlands. Additions to the network programmes this year have included PLANN Paediatric Liver AHP and Nurse Network and the Midlands CYP Mental Health Network, both of which were welcomed into the PiP programme and have exciting work plans for the year ahead.



For any information on any of the topics discussed, or to get involved with any of the sponsors or initiatives, please contact us

News & Network Highlights

PENSO - Paediatric Educators Network Conference



PiP were delighted to support the second in person conference for the Paediatric Educators Network - Supporting Opportunities (PENSO). Over 50 paediatric education colleagues joined us at Sheffield Childrens Hospital for a full day of lectures, networking and peer support.

The team started the day with an amazing wellbeing session, followed by key topics, such as Diversity as an Educator, creating a safe learning environment, Development and Delivery of Palliative Care Education, Preceptorship, Models for learning and EDI Simulations.

Special thanks to Wendy Hart and Sheffield Childrens Hospital for hosting the network and their amazing support.

Association of Child Death Review Professionals Annual Conference



The ACDRP committee were delighted to see over 200 multi agency professionals join them for one or both days of their two day conference in Milton Keynes on the 14th and 15th of November 2024.

The conference covered aspects of Joint Agency Response, SUDIC, Child Death Overview Panels and Child Death Review meetings.

As well as a varied array of workshops, the conference heard keynote presentations covering, The Role of Ethnicity in Child Mortality, Modifiable Factors, Family Experience, Police presentations, Thematic Report on Asthma and Anaphylaxis, Safe Sleep initiatives, Non Invasive Post-mortem, Maternity and Newborn investigations.



Paediatric Liver AHP & Nurse Network

The newly established Paediatric Liver AHP and Nurse network have had a great start to their network journey. The network is led by Jenny Abbott, Clinical Educator, Birmingham Women's and Childrens Hospital, they have built a member cohort of over 60 professionals from across the UK.



As we move into 2025 the network are working to standardise education delivery to nurses and AHPs across the UK, develop their training packages and support each other to improve service for children and young people.

Midlands Long Term Ventilation Network

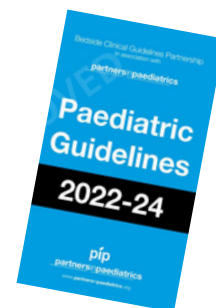
The Midlands Long Term Ventilation Network celebrated a milestone this year having achieved 15 years of existence, a huge testament to the hard work, dedication and loyalty of professionals across these service areas within the West Midlands.



Paediatric Clinical Guidelines

We continue to work to ensure robust and quality assured guidelines are produced that are of value to our members.

The guidelines are reviewed on a 2-yearly cycle; they help consultants, junior doctors and nurses maintain high quality and consistent practice. The next edition (10) aims to be available April 2025.



Dr Gandhi and the team are also looking to develop an additional resource focused on **Paediatric Community Guidelines**.

We will update members on the development of this over the next 12 months.

Upcoming Education ..

PiP are, as ever, looking forward to supporting many of our networks with education delivery in 2025.

Keep up to date on PiP News and Events - [Click Here](#)

Dates for Diary

West Midlands Paediatric Anaesthetic Network - 21st March 2025

Paediatric Advanced Practice Study Day - 28th March 2025



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Happy Festive Season and Best wishes for the New Year!