

## Agenda

### Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists (APA), British Association of Paediatric Surgeons (BAPS), Children's Surgical Forum (CSF) and Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) Joint Liaison Group

**Date:** Thursday 14 February 2019  
**Start Time:** 12:00  
**Finish Time:** 14:00  
**Location:** Meeting Room 2, RCPCH Offices, London

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**Chair:** Dr Carol Ewing, Vice President for Health Policy

#### Attending

Dr Carol Ewing – RCPCH, Vice President (Health Policy)  
Dr Simon Courtman – APA, Honorary Secretary  
Professor Mark Davenport – BAPS Past President (attending in place of Richard Stewart)  
Dr Chris Gildersleve – APA President Elect (from June 2019)

#### In attendance

Mr Musta Rahman (MR) – RCPCH, Committee Administrator

#### Apologies

Professor Russell Viner – RCPCH, President  
Mr Eric Nicholls – CSF, Chair  
Dr Charles Stack – APA, President  
Mr Richard Stewart – BAPS, President  
Ms Evelyn Ong – BAPS, Honorary Secretary

## AGENDA

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b> (Dr Carol Ewing)</p> <p>Dr Carol Ewing welcomed colleagues to the APA/BAPS/CSF/RCPCH Joint Liaison Committee meeting. Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting of 04 October 2018</b> (Doc B) (Dr Carol Ewing)</p> <p>The minutes and actions (Doc B) from the meeting held on 04/10/2018 were approved by the group. The following comments were also made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action 2 – clarification needed as to who Jeanette is MR to check with Richard Stewart</li> <li>• Action 5 – Dr Carol Ewing discussed the non-therapeutic male circumcision guidelines document with Dr Mike Linney, this was also discussed at RCPCH Executive Committee where there was support in principle for the report and a request for further advice from Robert Whelan (the BAPS rep on the committee) for this report. RCPCH has not formally endorsed the document, and it is with the RCPCH Ethics Committee. Professor Mark Davenport and Dr Chris Gildersleve informed the Group that both had been asked to comment on the medical aspects of the paper, but this is the extent of their association with it. BAPS and APA are not endorsing document. This document was published on 14/02/2019. <a href="https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/ethics/children-and-young-people/non-therapeutic-male-circumcision-of-children-ethics-toolkit">https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/ethics/children-and-young-people/non-therapeutic-male-circumcision-of-children-ethics-toolkit</a></li> <li>• Action 6 –MBRACE wrote to BAPM and Professor David Field was nominated to take the document forward. It was published by BAPM and then sent to NHS England for comments but there has been no further progress. RCPCH, APA and BAPS did not formally endorse the document. Professor Mark Davenport reported that though colleagues were in support of most of the comments (for example, correct diagnosis at fetal stage) some members did not support it. Dr Chris Gildersleve informed that there was not enough detail from an anaesthetic perspective to endorse the document it (for example, one must have undertaken a neonatal anaesthetic in the past five years).</li> <li>• Action 7 – in progress. MR to liaise with Ian O'Donoghue (RCPCH, Education &amp; Professional Development Lead), to ask how colleagues to promote the e-learning site.</li> <li>• Action 8 – Information on Bariatric Surgery has been uploaded onto SharePoint. See folder 'Resources – Oct 2018', SharePoint link below: <a href="https://rcpch.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/Joint_Liaison_Committee/Shared%20Documents/Resources%20-%20Oct%202018?csf=1&amp;e=7BBeiX">https://rcpch.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/Joint_Liaison_Committee/Shared%20Documents/Resources%20-%20Oct%202018?csf=1&amp;e=7BBeiX</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>MR to follow up with actions</b></p>

3. **Update: RCPCH** (Dr Carol Ewing)

To consider an update on recent developments of relevance to partners from the RCPCH:

- Health Policy team written update (Doc C)
- State of Child Health
- Facing the Future
- NHSE 7DS
- SNOMED CT
- NHSE reviews – Neonatal and Paediatric Critical Care (PCC)
- PEWS
- Turning the Tide
- STP/ICS systems
- NHSE Long Term Plan

Doc C was shared by Dr Carol Ewing and the following points were highlighted:

State of Child Health Report (published in 2017, with 25 measures, a scorecard summary giving RAG ratings to the measures were published in 2018 and 2019.

RCPCH President, Russell Viner was a key author for the 'Paediatrics 2030 project which sought to predict healthcare outcomes in 2030 and the resources needed to meet demand. Several RCPCH recommendations aligned with this paper are included in NHS England's Long-Term Plan.

Paediatrics 2030 Report:

[https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/child\\_health\\_in\\_2030\\_in\\_england\\_-\\_report\\_2018-10.pdf](https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/child_health_in_2030_in_england_-_report_2018-10.pdf)

Paediatrics 2030 Report: Recommendations

[https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/child\\_health\\_in\\_2030\\_in\\_england\\_-\\_recommendations\\_report\\_-\\_2018-10.pdf](https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/child_health_in_2030_in_england_-_recommendations_report_-_2018-10.pdf)

A Transformation Board for NHS Long Term Plan has been set-up. Russell Viner is a Board member.

Dr Carol Ewing is Co-Chairing the English PEWS Stakeholder Board with Dr Celia Ingham Clark, MBE, Clinical Lead for Patient Safety, NHS England.

Seven Day Standards Team (2016 initiative, four prioritised standards) – RCPCH Facing the Future standards are aligned to 3 out of 4 of the NHSE prioritised 7-day standards. Paediatric Medicine and Paediatric Surgery are not performing well. Celia Ingham Clark led this piece of work.

See '7DS paediatrics event CIC 22 Nov v0 1' presentation, uploaded on committee SharePoint file and sent in correspondence.

SNOMED CT is on-going. Ms Evelyn Ong provided an update that she and others have been working on verifying SNOMED CT codes. The deadline of end of April is likely to be unachievable and as such asked if there is an opportunity to extend by three months? Dr Ewing recommended that this information is fed back to the Health Policy team who will take this to the Informatics for Quality Committee and respond to Ms Ong.

Dr Chris Gildersleve asked what the College's position is on the Intercollegiate paper on Safeguarding Competencies. The Intercollegiate paper on Safeguarding has been published, see here: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/007-366>. Dr Ewing informed that the RCPCH had discussions with Fiona Smith (Royal College of Nursing), who led the piece of work). RCPCH has not formally endorsed the document and is producing its own document. The RCPCH document underway is being led by the Child Protection Standing Officer (Dr Alison Steele). For more information, see 'Latest version' section on the following webpage: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/safeguarding-children-young-people-roles-competencies-healthcare-staff>

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<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Update: APA</b> (Dr Simon Courtman and Dr Chris Gildersleve)</p> <p>To consider an update on recent developments of relevance to partners from the APA.</p> <p><b>Multiple hospital reviews of children in critical care and surgery.</b>  The emphasis of the hospital reviews over the past few months has been very much about providing critical care outside of specialist centres, especially providing care for long-term ventilated children in non-specialist centre to free up beds. APA noted concerns from the Paediatric Intensive Care Society (PICS) and others in the paediatric critical care community such as intensivists providing care in District General Hospitals (DGH), that the expectations of them were unrealistic. When PIC standards were tested against DGHs not a single DGH was seem able to provide level 2 critical care. PIC standards are going to be revised, with the aim of publishing in 2020. APA and RCPCH are involved and the focus of this will be on level 2 care in DGHs. This will inform the PCC Service review.</p> <p><b>Perioperative medicine</b>  Reviewing whole care of patients from before and after surgery to enhance management outcomes. Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) has restructured its perioperative group, thus patients' care is overseen by a multidisciplinary team consisting of anaesthetists, surgeons, physicians, nursing staff and other non – medical staff. APA has set up its own sub-committee of perioperative care, so this committee will be working with the RCoA with this transformation. The RCPCH will be asked to provide a representative on this board.</p> <p>APA is working with RCPCH on parental resources and information for parents and patients attending for surgery. This is a time-limited project (6-8 months).</p> <p><b>Children's Acute Surgical Abdomen Programme (CASAP)</b>  APA is collaborating on this project, which arose following work undertaken by APA members to raise the profile of e.g. laparotomies in children and appendectomies. The pilot is due to start data collection in March/April. APA plan to have a stall at the next BAPS meeting in July 2019.  <a href="https://www.niaa.org.uk/CASAP-Home">https://www.niaa.org.uk/CASAP-Home</a></p> <p><b>Apricot Study</b>  A European multi-national/centre trial looking at outcome from anaesthesia in children was published in 2016. This included thousands of children to consider the complications of anaesthesia and listing common outcomes from anaesthesia. The report was published in Lancet – <a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30116-9/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30116-9/fulltext</a> (original article) – UK data to other European nations – this had shown that the UK's critical complications rate from anaesthesia is 3% whereas those in Europe was 6.6%; and all the complications common from anaesthesia, when reviewed individually such as bronchospasm, show that UK's complication rate is half that of the rest of Europe. For children resuscitated in non-specialist centres our rates were significantly better than rest of Europe. This is a positive reflection of training, standards and networks which we have in the UK. Many European countries don't have set standards.</p> <p>For UK results compared to the rest of Europe, see 'APRICOT UK Paper in Anaesthesia' on SharePoint site and shared in correspondence.</p> <p>Tom Englehart from Aberdeen, who is Chair of the APA Scientific Committee has set up a national database to collect data for children with difficult airways. The plan is to go live 01/03/2019 – there is a web link, an nhs.net email is required to access the platform.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Update: BAPS</b> (Professor Mark Davenport)</p> <p>To consider an update on recent developments of relevance to partners from the BAPS.</p> <p>See Agenda Item 9 where the Group reviewed Doc E.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Update: CSF</b></p> <p>To consider an update on recent developments of relevance to partners from the CSF.</p> <p>No update provided.</p>	
7.	<p><b>NHSE review of Specialised Paediatric Surgery and Paediatric Critical Care (PCC)</b> Docs 3a &amp; 3b (as prepared for March 2018 meeting provided relevant background information)</p> <p>Richard Stewart provided a briefing which summarised the first draft of a paediatric surgery model.</p>	
8.	<p><b>NHSE Long Term Plan</b> Dr Carol Ewing</p> <p>It was asked how professional bodies are being consulted regarding the NHSE Long Term Plan. Dr Chris Gildersleve informed that APA need to be consulted as the biggest speciality in the UK given membership size. The RCoA may have been consulted already – CG to check and feedback</p>	<p><b>Dr Chris Gildersleve to check and feedback</b></p>
9.	<p><b>NHS England “Model of Care” for surgery (Doc E)</b></p> <p>To comment on draft report from Richard Stewart on ‘Model of Care’ for surgery.</p> <p>The Board reviewed Document E and made the following initial comments to Professor Mark Davenport:</p> <p>Interdependencies are key such as neonatology, paediatrics particularly where there are no inpatient services, emergency medicine, interventional radiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Level 3 Unit has no mention of ‘neonatal intensive care’ which is different to ‘paediatric intensive care’.</li> <li>-there is no mention of transition from neonatal to paediatric care or from paediatric to adult care</li> <li>-guidance on age limits or whether this is left to local/regional decision. Note that the NHS England Long Term Plan considers children and young people up to the age of 25 years)</li> <li>-clarification required on what “Dedicated children’s list 1 per month” means (Level 1 Unit row, final column)</li> <li>-the definitions for paediatric surgery are confusing and could be simplified e.g. what is the difference between ‘Specialised Surgery in Children’ and ‘Specialist Paediatric Surgery (SPS)’?</li> <li>-what does Children’s Surgical Network member mean e.g. for a Level 2 Unit? Professor Mark Davenport informed that a network model will be developed. As Paediatric Surgeons, the function of the network would be to define a geographical area for a network of specialist surgeons who align themselves with the units/centre offering general paediatric surgery for children in that area. Some areas are more advanced such as Sheffield and Nottingham where services are very integrated but not others such as London and the South East. It is now part of an NHS England implementation plan to have 2 pilot sites - London (South East and South &amp; Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.</li> <li>- The model for first access care needs to ensure alignment with Emergency medicine and with clarity as to how paediatric services are provided as they may not be on the same site.</li> <li>-Amend, for example ‘Access to Consultant paediatrician or Registrar for liaison and advice’ (Level 1 Unit, penultimate column) to say, ‘Consultant Paediatrician’ and align with published CSF standard.</li> </ul> <p>Further discussion will take place at the CSF this afternoon and there will be a wider consultation</p> <p>Colleagues to send any additional comments to Professor Mark Davenport.</p>	<p><b>For all to note CSF standards regarding units offering day care surgery not having in-house paediatrics</b></p>

10	<p><b>Terms of Reference/Work plan</b> (Dr Carol Ewing) To consider whether the Liaison Committee should formulate a work plan. (Doc D)</p> <p>There is an on-going review of all committees at the College, led by Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts.</p> <p>Liaison Group colleagues approved of Doc D and agreed that a set work plan was not necessary for its purpose.</p>	
11.	<p><b>AOB and next meeting dates for 2019</b></p> <p>MR to share details (origins, authors, actions for colleagues) of meeting papers 3a and 3b.</p> <p>The next APA/BAPS/CSF/RCPCH Joint Liaison Group meeting date/time is to be confirmed with the President Professor Russell Viner and the new Vice-President for Health Policy Dr Simon Clark).</p>	<p><b>MR to share document details.</b></p>

Summary of actions:

- MR to follow up with actions (Agenda Item 2).
- MR to liaise with Alison Firth/Health Policy regarding SNOMED CTs, extension request of three months from Evelyn Ong (Agenda Item 3).
- MR to liaise with Alison Firth/Health Policy regarding the Royal College of Nursing's Intercollegiate paper on Safeguarding Competencies (Agenda Item 3).
- For all to note CSF standards regarding units offering day care surgery not having in-house paediatrics (Agenda Item 9).
- MR to share details of origin of papers 3a and 3b from the Liaison meeting held in March 2018 (Agenda Item 11).