

**Joint Commissioning Committee**  
**16 July 2024**  
**Agenda Item: 4.1.7a**

<b>Reporting Committee</b>	<b>Neonatal Transport Delivery Assurance Group</b>
<b>Chaired by</b>	<b>Director of Planning and Performance</b>
<b>Lead Executive Director</b>	<b>Director of Planning and Performance</b>
<b>Date of last meeting</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>

**Summary of key matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made.**

This report provides a summary of the South Wales Neonatal Transport Delivery Assurance Group (DAG) Quarterly Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 (Q4). The report provides assurance to the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) on performance and quality bringing attention to any significant matters under consideration. The Minutes are available on request from the Assistant Planning Manager for Women and Children [ryan.odell@nhs.wales.uk](mailto:ryan.odell@nhs.wales.uk).

**1. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDRATION**

**Highlights from the Quarter Four Report**

- A total of 85 transfers were undertaken in the period (decrease of 8% for the same period in the previous year), of which 8 were undertaken at night (increase of 17%) and <5 transfer facilitated by EMRTS (Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transport Service). <5 transfers were abandoned.
- CHANTS (Cymru inter- Hospital Acute Neonatal Transfer Service) National Transport Group (NTG) immediate dispatch standard <1-hour response time achieved in 100% of referrals.
- CHANTS were able to respond to intensive care uplifts 91% of the time, identifying 2 occasions where the team did not arrive at the baby's cot side within the expected standard of 3.5hrs of the referral call; and these were discussed.
- Month on month activity undertaken by each provider varies.
- CHANTS perform extremely well when benchmarked against other national transport services on temperature management of extreme preterm babies.
- CHANTS transferred 100% of all uplift referrals.
- Throughout this reporting period service delivery has been uninterrupted.

**Incidents and Shared Learning**

There have been less than five Datix submissions in the period. The categorisation of the Datix reports are included in **table 1**.

Table 1: Datix Categorisation

Category	Number of incidents
Equipment	<5
Operational	<5

## 2. ISSUES AND RISKS

- Development of the Transport ODN has been paused pending the Neonatal Services Review Phase 2. Concerns from the transport team and referral units around the inequity of service at night were expressed which affect both uplift and capacity referrals. A meeting with the clinical, medical and nursing leads of all the referral units is planned to explore how the current criteria can be reviewed. An extension of the current interim model is also likely to be required pending the completion of the Phase 2 review, this is being considered by the Commissioning Team.
- With the reconfiguration of the Network within NHS Executive into Strategic Networks, there was a risk that the dedicated clinical session for neonatal transport would end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. This has since been resolved through agreement between the new Strategic Network and the JCC team for the 2024/25 period whilst the above Review is carried out.
- Discussions are underway within the new JCC about the arrangements for commissioning this service.

## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Joint Commissioning Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the South Wales Neonatal Transport Delivery Assurance Group highlights and issues reported through the quarterly report for quarter 4.