

**Community Maternity Care Project Steering Group
14th June 2017**

Meeting room, Bretten House, Antrim Hospital

Present:- Eileen Mc Eaney (Chair)
Denise Boulter
Zoe Boreland (Teleconference)
Karen Murray
Seana Talbot
Caroline Keown
Margaret Rogan obo Brenda Kelly
Roisin Hearty
Verena Wallace (Prof Mary Steen)

Apologies Breedagh Hughes, Fiona Bradley, Maureen Millar, Bid Mc Keown, Catherine Coyle

Agenda item	Action to be taken	Action by
1	Welcome Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions made.	
2	Apologies As noted above.	
3	Draft Action notes of previous meeting dated 25th November 2016 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed with one amendment. It was noted that DB had attempted to contact Dr Hagan but had no success. DB/KM will contact Dr S Fannin to request GP representation.	Contact Dr Fannin DB/KM
4	Update on the incorporation of the Antenatal Pathway into the MHHR The updated MHHR is with the printer and will be available hopefully by July. Update sessions have been held in all Trusts for midwives and a number of comments suggestions have already been received following these. Update sessions for Obstetricians have been held in HHSCT, BHSCT and SEHSCT.	

	<p>The new MHHR will have a comments sheet and testing will take place over 9months but with a review at 6months. There have been many changes to the antenatal section, the Intra partum section will be reviewed and the Postnatal section will be updated following completion of this current work.</p>	
5	<p>Phase Two</p> <p>a. Update from the Workshop A workshop took place on the 4th April with representation from all five HSC Trusts. The purpose of the workshop was to the core content of postnatal care, the frequency of postnatal visits, location of postnatal care episodes and who is best placed to provide elements of Postnatal care. The workshop also considered whether different pathways for vaginal and caesarean births were needed, the role of postnatal clinics and use of the Maternity Hand Held record in the postnatal period.</p> <p>b. Draft Core Care Pathway Version 1 of the pathway was presented to the meeting and a number of key issues where discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to have a continuous postnatal pathway from Birth to transfer to community to discharge to HV • Number of visits, individualized care but the pathway will relate to the core minimum visits anticipated • Clinical observations at core visits. • Feeding assessments and weighing of babies • Who the pathway relates to e.g women who have had a vaginal birth or a C/S • Skill mix • Opportunities to streamline care – work smarter <p>It was agreed that further work should be instigated in relation to these issues.</p> <p>c. Membership KM/DB will seek further nominations for the working group to include Midwife representation from Labour ward (where direct early discharge occurs) Midwife representation postnatal ward Paediatric/Neonatal representation</p>	<p>Working group to continue with this work and feedback to steering group</p>
6	<p>Feedback from Maternity Strategy Implementation Group February 2017 Denise provided an update from previous meeting and outlined</p>	

	the key areas for consideration at the next meeting.	
7	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Seana Talbot highlighted that the NCT will be publishing research relating to postnatal care, specifically mental health issues. Seana will circulate this once published.</p> <p>Mary Steen highlighted research to be published in Evidence based Midwifery in June in relation to a screening tool aimed at detecting mental health issues by focusing primarily on wellbeing issues.</p> <p>The Chair wished that it be recorded that both the Executive Director of Nursing and the Head of Midwifery of NHSC welcome the recommendation in the recent RQIA review of A Strategy for Maternity Care in Northern Ireland (2012-18) regarding the development of an alongside MLU. There are constraints but the maternity team are ready to move forward.</p>	
8	<p>Check dates times and venues of next meeting</p> <p>Dates for the next meetings are;</p> <p>20th September 2017, Bush House</p> <p>21st November 2017, Bretton Hall</p>	