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**This year's Annual Conference was held on
21st October 2014**

**The Key note speaker was Maggie Atkinson
Children's Commissioner for England**

**Maggie's presentation 'Working Together for the Rights of
the Child'** was described by many delegates as 'inspirational'.

The role of Commissioner had been strengthened by the 2014 Children and Families Act; it now includes a wide range of priority areas crossing the spheres of education, social and custodial care.

November 12th 2014 (Universal Children's Day) marked the 25th anniversary of the UN ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); this highlighted the importance of focusing attention on the fundamental rights that children and young people (CYP) have.

Maggie emphasised the importance of Article 12 of the Convention – that, in accordance with their ages and stages of development, all children have the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken seriously. She challenged us to think that this means far more than just 'participation' – but encompasses many other principles enshrined in the UNCRC articles.

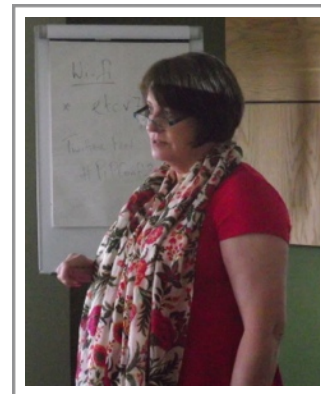
Many reports have been produced, including the Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2012 'Our Children deserve better: prevention pays' – which stresses the prominence of CYP as central to health policy and practice. It urges the system to create a new Health Deal – a vision for purposefully engaging CYP in THEIR health services.

Maggie recognised that considerable progress has been made in ensuring the voice of the child influences both *policy* and *practice* – but there is still much to do.

In her 2013 report, out of 102 local health plans, only 28% actively involved CYP – and many did not mention them – confirming the view that in many areas CYP are still a 'Cinderella' group.

Maggie concluded by urging 'bravery' on the system – to make participation real and truly reflecting the values enshrined in the UNCRC.

A copy of her speech and the UNCRC articles are on the PiP website.



Maggie's term as Children's Commissioner ends on 28th February 2015.

Website: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

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Annual Conference - Continued:

Presentation from Emma Rigby: Working in partnership to improve young people's health

Emma is CEO of the Association for Young People's Health (AYPH). Her organisation's work bridges the world of policy, practice and evidence – to promote better understanding of young people's health needs.

She presented many useful facts, for example, young people aged 10-24 make up 19% of the population and that three quarters of mental health problems start before the age of 24.

Emma also summarised some of the challenges which had come out of the 2013/14 report from the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum (CYPHOF). Many of these confirmed the issues that Maggie had presented, particularly that 'system leaders' need to ensure the principles and values in the NHS Constitution are adopted, supported and applied to CYP.

Emma presented information on a GP Champions project – a partnership project between AYPH, Youth Access and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) Adolescent Health Group.

There are 10 pilot sites - with partners across general practice, the voluntary sector and young people.

The partnerships are proving successful, and several initiatives underway. They have enabled young people to say what they want from their GP and members of the practice team.

Following completion of the pilots, there will be a Learning launch held in March 2015 and 'Toolkits' developed.

Website: www.ayph.org.uk

Twitter: @AYPHcharity

Network for Designated Professionals

PiP is working with Geoff Debelle, Designated Doctor, Eileen Welch, Designated Nurse (Sandwell & City) and Heather Widdowson, Designated Nurse (South Staffordshire) to re-establish this Network.

The key objectives are to:

- Provide clinical leadership to local child safeguarding systems
- Provide a consistent, strategic approach to child safeguarding in the fields of assurance, training, supervision and the provision of advice and support
- Provide peer support

A workshop was held on 25th September 2014, with presentations from:

- **Helen Hipkiss** - Regional Lead for Safeguarding
- **Geoff Debelle** - Supervision within Safeguarding
- **Helen English** - Safeguarding aspects of non-therapeutic male circumcision".

Those present prioritised areas of work:

- Supervision and peer review
- Defining the role of designated professionals in the current climate, and in the light of the fact that the NHS assurance & accountability framework is in the process of being rewritten.

These work streams are being taken forward:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Role of the Designated Professional
- Role of the named GP
- Supervision and peer review
- Non-therapeutic male circumcision

Helen Hipkiss will continue to support this work. She can be contacted for any queries in relation to safeguarding or Looked After Children: helen.hipkiss@nhs.net

Presentations and Minutes from the meeting are on the PiP Website.

The next meeting will take place in **Spring 2015**.

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Annual Conference - Continued:

Presentations were also received from:

- **Kathy Bailey:** an overview of PiP's achievements in 2014 and the focus of activity in the forthcoming year
- **Richard Crombie:** the work of the Paediatric Anaesthetic Network (PAN)
- **Liz Bagley:** the progress of the General Paediatric Surgery Project (joint project between PiP, BCH and the Strategic Clinical Network)
- **Julia Greensall & Andrea Read:** Paediatric Guidelines
- **Usman Zafar:** Network Comparative Study
- **Eileen Welch:** the work of the Network for Designated Professionals

Thank you to Steve Cropper for facilitating the Conference.

Recognising work around 'Engaging children and young people in Service Development'.

Following the Engagement event held in March 2014 several Trusts have made significant achievements in this area.

At the Conference, four Trusts were recognised for their work:

- **Worcester Acute** - Nell Pegg and Bernie Powell
- **Queens Hospital, Burton** - Caroline Dodd
- **Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt** - Ann Bishop
- **Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust** - Emma Dodson

A representative from each Trust was presented with a framed Certificate recognising their work in this area. They were also presented with a sum of £30 - to be spent on further work in this area. Recipients of the money have been asked to liaise with their children and young people to decide how to spend the money. We will report how the money has been used in the next Newsletter.

Thank you to 'Worxinfo' for sponsorship of these Awards.

www.worxinfo.com

General Paediatric Surgery project

This is a joint project between BCH, PiP and the SCN. The Clinical Leads for the project are Mr Oli Gee (BCH) and Mr Doug Bowley (HeFT).

The project aims to create a defined framework for a credible and sustainable managed clinical network for general paediatric surgery (GPS) and urology across the West Midlands.

The Project Board continue to meet - last meeting held on **2nd December**.

A Stakeholder event was held on **17th July** with representation from clinicians and commissioners.

A CPD event was held on **20th November**. This was successful, with only a small number of providers not represented. A representative from the Royal College of Surgeons attended.

Members of the network would like to meet every six months for CPD and to discuss network business.

It is anticipated that Providers will undertake a 'self-assessment' against the RCS Standards.

Commissioning guidelines for two GPS procedures are due to be published soon.

National guidance on several areas in relation to the provision of GPS is expected in the next six months, which will directly influence the work of the network.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Liz Bagley: liz.bagley@nhs.net

The Paediatric Anaesthetic Network

are holding their next **Study Day** on:

Friday, 27th February 2015

Venue: Maple House, Birmingham

Further details are on the website - or contact Lesley Hines: l.hines@nhs.net

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Dates of Board Meetings to be held in 2015:

January 22nd - Thursday

April 21st - Tuesday

July 15th - Wednesday

Time and Venue:

All meetings take place from 2pm - 4pm at the Learning Centre, South Staffordshire & Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust, Corporation Street, Stafford ST16 3SR.

Call to Members:

Please attend the January 22nd meeting....

At this meeting we will be discussing areas that we would like to take forward over the forthcoming year. These issues have been identified as priority areas following recent discussions with key people in member organisations and from comments made on the evaluation forms from the Annual Conference:

Identifying gaps in education needs - and encouraging / facilitating the development in these areas - for staff across the West Midlands to access. Training to be approved / evidence based - to be delivered by competent, credible clinicians (to include acute and community)

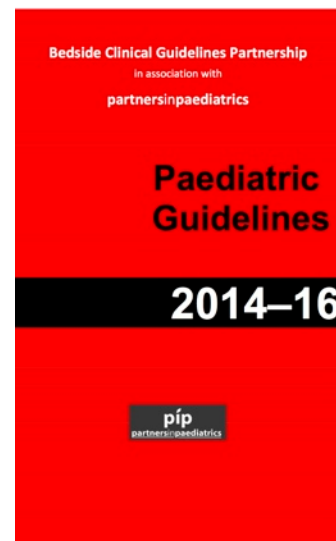
Working with colleagues in primary and community care services - to support the development / co-ordination of clinical pathways and guidelines for children and young people, which go across primary, community and secondary care. These to be shared across the region - with the aim of supporting integrated working between primary, acute and community teams

Offering tools/advice to assist in patient experience for children and young people (Including CAMHS)

Supporting the development of 'emerging' and / or informal networks - taking a 'bottom-up approach" - for example, the Network for Designated Professionals

Supporting development of the website for sharing good practice / promoting education events and improving communication

The agenda will be sent out early in the New Year and it is hoped that representatives from member organisations will be able to attend; however, if you are not able to attend, colleagues from your organisation are welcome.



PAEDIATRIC GUIDELINES 2014 - 2016

The 6th Edition of the Guidelines to be circulated soon.

PIP continues to work in partnership with the Bedside Clinical Guidelines Partnership (BCGP) to develop the Paediatric Guidelines. The 6th Edition contains some new specialty areas and also includes the 'Top Tips' that the Shropshire Health Champions developed - devised to improve professionals' communication with young people.

The Clinical Lead for the BCGP is Naveed Mustfa:
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Farewell - and thank you - to Kathy Bailey:

Kathy is resigning from her post as Clinical Lead for PiP to take up the position of Lead for the Paediatric Rheumatology Service at Oxford University Hospital.

During her time in post, Kathy has shown great commitment to the work of PiP, in particular the work around engaging with children and young people and their families.

In addition to her role as Clinical Lead, Kathy was Chair of the West Midlands Paediatric & Rheumatology Network for several years.

We would like to thank Kathy for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.



“On behalf of all PiP members - Thank you Kathy”

New Clinical Lead We will be appointing a new Clinical Lead. This position is for one PA a week. The appointment will be on a one-year fixed term basis - in the first instance.

A Clinical Lead is needed to drive forward the work of PiP. The Strategic Clinical Networks are currently being ‘realigned’; within this context it is important that we continue to work collaboratively - to identify ‘gaps’ in service provision and to ensure there is no unnecessary duplication of work.

Paediatric Clinical Guidelines

Andrea Read is progressing the NICE accreditation process.

The Guideline development process for developing the Paediatric (and Neonatal & Obstetric) Guidelines has been improved to meet the criteria set out by NICE, and has now been submitted for assessment.

It will now go through the NICE accreditation process and the decision is expected in March 2015.

If you would like further information on this work, please contact Andrea: andrea.read@nhs.net

The new website is now up and running!

www.partnersinpaediatrics.org

This is an important development as the website is an excellent way of maintaining good communication with - and between - members. The aim is that the website is a ‘repository’ for examples of ‘good practice’ and that it can be used for advertising any educational events that are taking place around the region.

A poster will be sent out to Members in early 2015, so that the website can be promoted within organisations. If you would like any issues to be included in the next newsletter, please contact Julia Greensall or Lesley Hines.

Please share the website with your colleagues and let us know your views!



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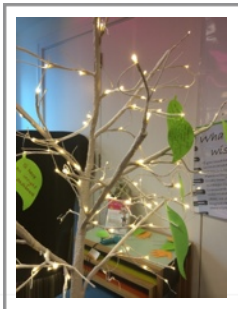
Photos from the Annual Conference:



Karen Higgins, Project Manager with the Shropshire Young Health Champions, presenting Certificate to Nell Pegg, Senior Sister, Riverbank Ward at Worcester Acute.



Kate Branchett - Patient Voice and Insight Lead at the SCN - discussing her work and requesting ideas to improve engagement of children and young people to be placed on the 'Wishing Tree'..



The PiP report for 2012 - 2014 is now being distributed to Members. A copy is also available on the Website.

Interested in the post of Clinical Lead ?

If you would like to discuss the role of Clinical Lead on an informal basis, please contact Liz Nicholson or Julia Greensall.

For further information on any issues raised in the newsletter, or if you would like to share examples of 'Good Practice' from your organisation, then please contact a member of the Core Group:

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