The Alder Hey Safeguarding Model and Future Challenges

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SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

Consultant led, safeguarding team providing a 24 hour on call service

- Consultants x 8 (4 designated doctors, 1 named doctor)
- SpRs/Associate Specialist/Specialty doctors x 8
- Named Nurse x 1
- Associate Matron for Safeguarding x 0.7
- CDOP nurse x 1
- Health Care Assistant x 1
- Administrative Support x 2

SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

- Medical examinations for suspected abuse for N Mersey (4 PCTs)
- Specialist advice and support to all staff employed within organisation:
  - Regional specialist tertiary centre
  - Large PICU
  - Neuro surgical/medical unit
  - Burns, Orthopaedic
  - Huge A and E dept
- Source of expertise to partner organisations

ASSOCIATED SPECIALITIES

- Paediatric Radiology (specialist in CP)
- Haematology
- Paediatric Ophthalmology (leading expert on retinal haemorrhages)
- Medical Photography

CASE PATHWAY

Sexual assault - Acute/Historical

- Joint examination – SOCAP team of FME’s
- Follow up service :-
  - GUM
  - ABACUS
  - Paediatric Gynaecology
  - Community Service
  - CAMHS

Discuss the investigations with other specialists / Radiologist / ophthalmologist
Fabricated or Induced Illness

- Mersey protocol for investigation
- Management of many complex cases
- Multi agency collaboration
- Covert surveillance
- Current ongoing management of 12 cases of suspected FII

Child Death Review Process

- Consultant Paediatrician available 24 hours for Rapid Response
- Consultant Paediatrician Representation on CDOP panels serviced by Alder Hey
- Most children who die from within the Merseyside area will have had contact with Alder Hey
- Requests for completion of form B include children who live outside the Merseyside area who have previously been treatment at Alder Hey

GOVERNANCE

- Case review – weekly
- Peer review with FMEs
- Executive nurse meeting - monthly
- CPAG x6/12
- SUDI/SUDC Implementation group x6/12
- Rainbow users group x6/12
- CP Link nurse group x6/12
- Annual report
- Sec. 11 audit (each LSCB)
- Internal audits

TRAINING

- Induction
- Specialist Induction for Community Paediatricians
- Mandatory updates – All Trust staff
- Nurse/Allied health Professionals
  - 1 day foundation
  - 2 day management
  - Bespoke training
  - Medical CP Training
  - Student F1/F2
  - Consultant
  - Specialist Regional Conferences
  - Multi Agency Conferences

RAINBOW ACTIVITY

- Referrals to Named Nurse for Child Protection

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Activity - 1244 cases seen 2007-2009

- NAI – 74%
- Acute and chronic sexual assault – 17% (53 acute, 158 chronic)
- Neglect – 5%
- Other – 4%

Rainbow Activity

- Referral source
  - A&E
  - Ward
  - Social Care
  - Police
  - Other

Issues

- Increasing numbers
- Block contract, so no extra resources
- Retention and recruitment of staff
- Problems recruiting to designated doctor posts
- Safeguarding review
  - Inadequate commissioning
  - Premises not fully forensically compliant

Safeguarding Commissioning Group

- “Forensic suite” near completion
- General refurbishment
- Additional consultant to enable hot weeks
- Agreed dataset
- Service specifications being written

- Nursing support needed
- Sexual assault exams being costed
- Extra medical time required

The Future

- Move to single doctor exams for CSA
- Volunteers needed to train to forensic standards, costs, DFCASA needed (minimum)
- Stress assessments
- Pilot of reflective practice
- How to recruit to designated doctor posts???

Safeguarding Vision

- Build on the excellent service provided by the safeguarding team and maintain a first class service
- Increase Consultant/SPR to adequately manage increase service demand e.g. follow up service, STI screening
- Increase nursing staff in Rainbow Centre
- Improve patient experience
- Support medical staff and provide psychological support to both patients and staff
- Fully utilise highly specialist clinical expertise, i.e., research/development opportunities