

Paediatric Interest Group

Meeting 6th April 1994

Present

Fiona Thomas
Sue Gibbert
Steve Pryn
Chris Sheretti
Julie Parker
Maz Howard
Helen Passfield
Julie Luscombe
Freda Gardner

Apologies

Cathy Warren
Kate Mitchell
Becca Lanyon
Helen Stratton

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1. Helen's Post

50% funding required with children's 25/25. The post is being planned; action will be taken to fill the post in the next few months. Covering Helen's work will be discussed at the Sister's meeting. Freda will read the job summary which Helen has prepared; to ensure that developments made will be maintained.

2. Paediatric Care

- Sternotomy wounds; liaison with theatre is necessary regarding Telfa and micropore. Dressing procedures are OK.

- Sedation; there are problems with protocol. The aim is pain relief and sedation, not, as some parents are being told, that the child will go to sleep. Use of paediatric anaesthetic charts was suggested. There is a protocol for these procedures which should be available. It was raised that the timing of these procedures (currently 3pm.) was difficult, as this is when the change of shift occurs. The timing of the procedure will be changed to 2:30pm.

X - Fiona and Becca discussed staffing. They will be looking at the needs of the nursery again. Cathy Warren has been training D grades from ITU.

- Dr.'s ward round in the nursery. At present, it is difficult to get Dr.s to come to the nursery. Nurses have been concerned about a child and have been accused of overreacting. The Nursery nurses have been told to go and speak to the Sister on 5B if concerned about a child.

- Children in HDU will be discussed at the next Sisters' meeting. It was thought by the Sisters that it was not possible to provide adequate cover/care for children in the HDU.

- Problems with suction in the nursery have now been resolved. Oral sedation is given first. IM premeds are still given. No further improvement is possible.