



Network Update

Welcome to our monthly Network Newsletter which details the latest information and resources that are available from our work streams to support local planning and provision of clinical care. Also included are updates regarding our educational resources and meetings. Don't forget to take a look at our website www.stpn.uk for more detailed information.

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STPN Dashboard and Data

All providers across the region are now able to contribute their demand and capacity data. This is a great achievement! Please encourage your teams to complete the dashboard daily as this data feeds into other reports for South and Pan London regions and enables us to understand the flow and needs across the system as a whole.

Figure 1: Paediatric beds occupied in DGHs across STPN (2022)

The peaks and troughs on the graphs below reflect variation in weekday reporting compared to weekend reports. Please try to submit weekend occupancy data to improve our understanding regional demand and capacity.

There appears to have been a small increase in the number of children admitted with respiratory tract infections in the first week of March.

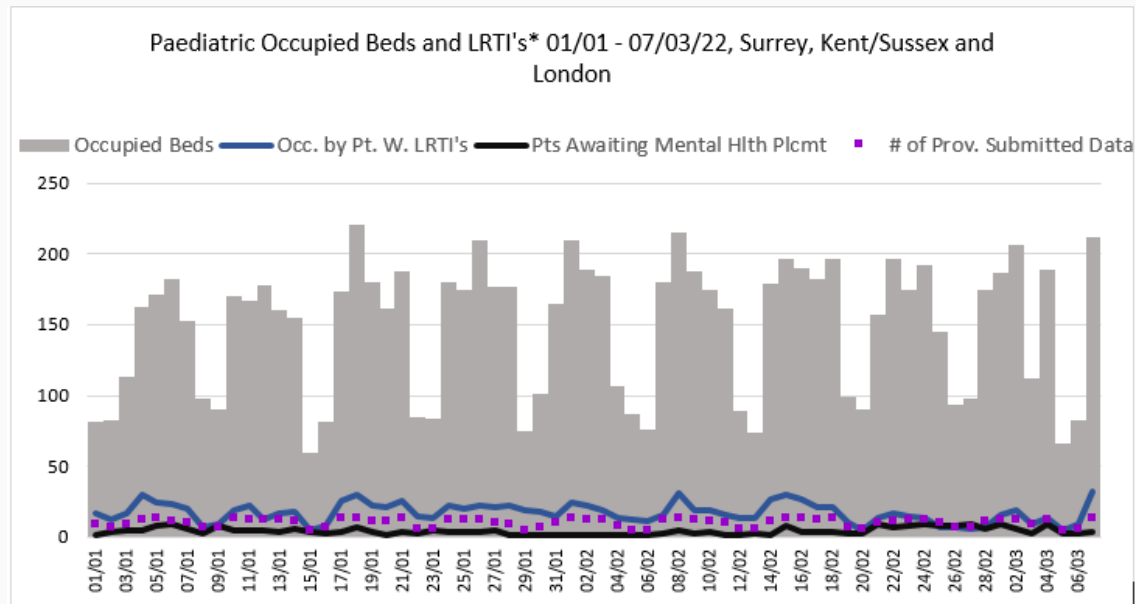
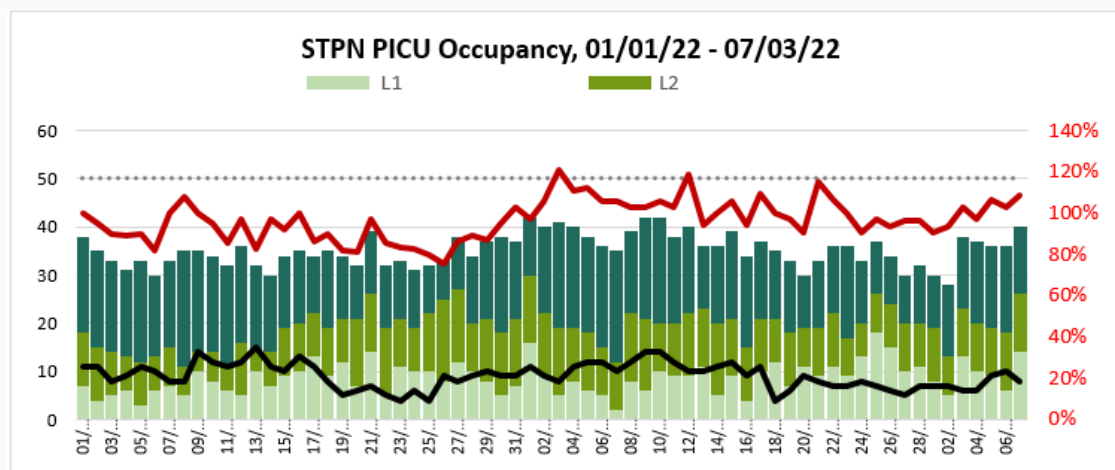


Figure 2: Paediatric Intensive Care beds occupied in STPN (2022)

A quieter period at the end of February has been followed by a rise in the number of PICU beds occupied in March. This may reflect re-opening of schools after the February half-term break as well as increased elective surgical activity across all centres.

PLEASE ensure that COVID screening is still performed on all STRS referrals.



If anyone would like an individualised report on any aspect of the data or has a query please let us know by emailing us at england.stpn@nhs.net

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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STPN Team Update

We'd like to introduce to our lovely new team members!

Sara Mahjabin, Project Manager



I have come across from Barts Health NHS Trust working in Strategy in a similar, but smaller, setting since we were also working within networks. I'm hoping the skills and experience I've gained there will be helpful for my role here.

On a personal note, I have two little ones (so perpetually lacking sleep), I love pasta with just about anything and I'm much more a night owl than an early bird. If you see me, please say hi! I'm terrible at recognising people from virtual meetings.

Sarah Fleet, Clinical Educator

Hello, I'm Sarah, joining the STPN team as Clinical Educator. My background is in PICU and A&E where I completed my PICU course and my Diploma of Tropical Nursing.

In 2019 I moved into education as a HDU clinical educator in the Evelina. Over the last 2 years I have been running the PANiCC course, supported by an amazing faculty team, to provide HDU nursing education for the network. I am looking



forward to working within the STPN to support the provision and facilitation of Education for the team.

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STPN work stream updates

Gastroenterology

Clinical Leads - Sam Kalamchi and Mohamed Mutalib

Project Manager - Gemma Crane

It has been a busy time in the past 6 months for the Gastroenterology ODN. Some great work has been achieved. With the help of the working groups we have produced;

- Collection of **Quality of Life (QoL) data for constipation patients** now underway with 100+ surveys completed
- The constipation **regional referral criteria for GP's** is in progress
- Established **Gastroenterology Pathways Task & Finish Group**

The next steps for our work stream are:

- **Implementing & piloting** the referral criteria for GP's in East Sussex region
- **Analysis of data** on current constipation care results from Emergency Department admissions, LOS data and QoL data for patients with a diagnosis of constipation
- **Finalise** the pathway for Gastroenterology procedures

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Surgery in Children Operational Delivery Network (SIC ODN)

Clinical Lead - Feilim Murphy

Senior Project Manager - Miriam Cabib

- We've been working with NHSE/I to ensure that children and young people don't wait longer than they should for a surgical procedure.
- The **Inter-hospital Referral & Transfer document for acutely unwell paediatric surgical patients** developed by the General Surgery Specialty Group is now available on our website <https://stpn.uk/inter-hospital-transfer-guideline/>.
- We've now **appointed a Lead Nurse for the SIC ODN** – we're looking forward to welcoming Laura Claire Snow to the team!

In the next months the SIC ODN will focus on:

- **Pathways to support care closer to home.** In particular the adenotonsillectomy pathway and the bone and joint infection pathway.
- Implementation of **GIRFT recommendations.**
- **Health inequalities and waiting lists**

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Long Term Ventilation

Clinical Lead - Richard Chavasse

Senior Project Manager - Miriam Cabib

- The **Regional Respiratory Action Plans** and the **Discharge checklist** are now out for use and evaluation. Click this [link](#) to access the guide and toolkit on WellChild's website.
- The **Regional Competencies for Parents and Carers** are ready for use:
 - Trachy: <https://ltv.services/Pan-London-Invasive-Competencies>
 - NIV: <https://ltv.services/Pan-London-NIV-Competencies>
- Secured Health Education England funding and currently recruiting for a **Regional Implementation Lead for LTV Skills Programme**. Please click [here](#) for more details on this post.

In the next steps for the LTV network are:

- **Transformation work** with the ICSs in the network, WellChild and the National Programme Director for the All-age Continuing Care Programme to address **continuing care and other common challenges** faced by the LTV patients and families.
- Roll out of the **Ethical Framework** and the **MDT pathway across STPN centres** to support professionals and families when starting a child on LTV.
- Confirming feasibility of a **STPN centralised procurement model for ventilators**.

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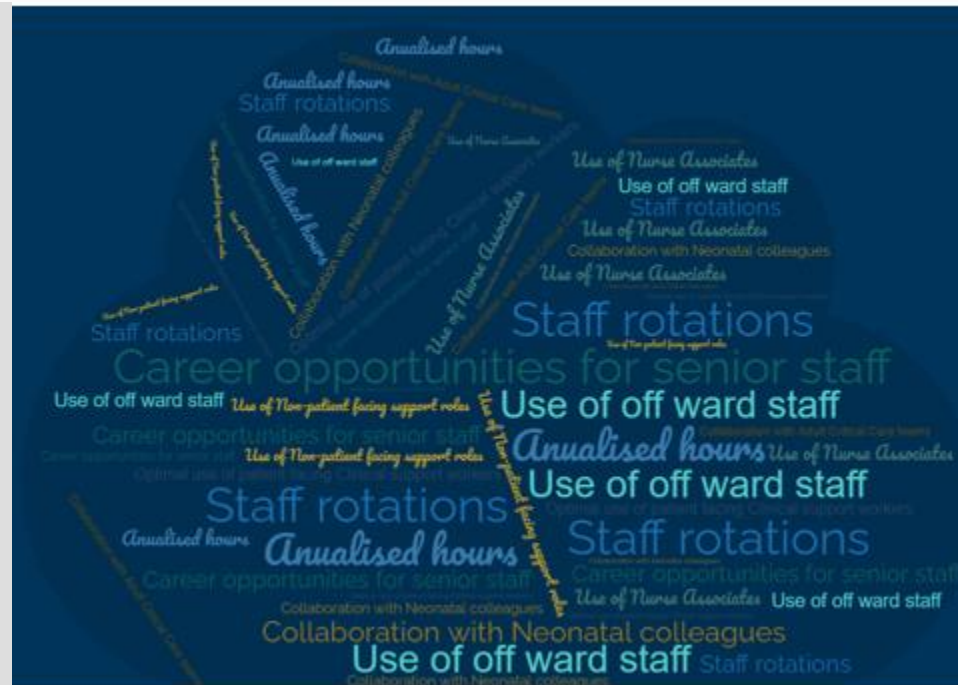
STPN Workforce

Nursing Lead for Critical Care - Stacey Bedford

Nursing Forum

The Nursing Forum is an opportunity for Nurse Managers, Matrons, HON and Educators to get together to discuss important matters relating to CYP Nursing workforce and Nurse education in the region.

The last Nursing Forum was a deep dive into the career progression and optimal use of Health Care Assistants and Nurse Associates in Paediatrics. The decision was made to form a separate working group to advance this discussion into actions. This will improve investment into this essential component of our current and future workforce. If you are interested in joining the group please contact england.stpn@nhs.net.



Paediatric Critical Care Matrons and Nurse Leads


The implementation of the recommendations has been somewhat hampered by the pandemic and some of those challenges have been amplified. There are, however, opportunities and insights that have arisen in the last 2 years that need to be explored.

The challenges of safely staffing a Paediatric Critical Care service were apparent to us long before the pandemic, which is why we worked with our North Thames colleagues to create the Pan London Workforce report which describes not only the challenge but some of the innovative solutions that have been explored by our colleagues.

The PCC Matrons and Nurse Leads Group have commenced further work to dig deeper into some of these solutions as well as how we

can collaborate with our Neonatal and Adult Critical Care Colleagues to strengthen our workforce. Given the geographical location of our PICU beds this work will be focused on London/City working, but there is no doubt some of the themes will become transferable outside of London and outside of PICU. Look out for updates on progress from this group.nput caption text here. Use the block's Settings tab to change the caption position and set other styles.

STOPP Tool Working Group




South Thames
Paediatric Network
Transforming Healthcare for
Children and Young People

Calling all Nurses that use the STPN STOPP tool!!!



We would love to have nurses better
represented within this working group. If you,
or one of your colleagues, would like to be part
of this group let us know by emailing
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Epilepsy

Project Manager - Sara Mahjabin

We have started a conversation about Paediatric Epilepsy patients and forming a wider reaching South Thames work stream to allow us to share ideas to gain learning and understanding, form joint approaches and improve integration of care for patients with Epilepsy. Some key priorities are to improve the transition of children into adult services, to form standardised agreed best practice pathways for patients with Mental Health needs and to ensure children and young people have prompt access to epilepsy surgery where needed.

We had a positive conversation with Elaine Hughes, Clinical Lead for Paediatric Epilepsy for Kings College Hospital who manages the South East Thames Paediatric Epilepsy Group (SETPEG), to get some insight into how they have been running SETPEG, how we can widen the group to include all of South Thames as well as how STPN can provide the support needed to push work forward.

If you have an interest in Paediatric Epilepsy and are keen to participate in forming network wide guidelines, best practice pathways or improving links between providers for patients with epilepsy, please get in touch via england.stpn@nhs.net.

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Critical Care Level 1 and 2

Clinical Lead - Sachin Patil

A huge thank you to all colleagues who collaborated in developing Sedation and CPAP guidelines. We sincerely hope these guidelines are, hopefully, being used across the network; all feedback is welcome.

Could we please ask that respond to the post launch **Sedation Guideline survey**, your responses will enable us to ensure future guidelines remain relevant and re fit for purpose network-wide.

The much-awaited **Paediatric Emergency Airway Audit** is complete and a report will be circulated shortly. The findings from the audit will enable development of focused education modules for anaesthetic colleagues in DGHs.

We are also making progress in developing educational resources aimed at the DGH Paediatric Consultants to enable them refresh and maintain DGH relevant critical care skills.

Finally, a meeting of all Level 1 and Level 2 PCCU leads will be announced shortly to develop future strategies for delivering critical care in DGHs including delivery of Level 2 critical care.

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How are we doing?

The STPN would like to know how you think we're doing and would be really grateful if you could leave us your feedback by either scanning the QR code or using the link below.

<https://www.menti.com/zzahntu9fw>

Thanks in advance!



STPN education and resources

Trainee General Surgery/Urology Group Meeting

Tuesday 22 March – 13:00 to 14:00

STPN's Surgery in Children ODN have created this group, composed of urology and general surgical registrars, to provide a bespoke education programme with monthly sessions on ICS, NHS, Leadership, Management and Philosophy. Business meetings occur every 2/3 months focusing on:

1. Engaging trainee surgeons with the network
2. Ensuring the completion of audits and individual trust data collections
3. Reporting back to the pan specialist STPN working group
4. Patient and parent representatives engagement

If you would like to join or would like to suggest a registrar please email: england.stpn@nhs.net

STPN Network Call

Tuesday 5 April - 14:00 to 15:00

Join us for our monthly network call. This meeting is open for all to join to hear about the latest work of the STPN, get updates on surge and also provides an opportunity for you to ask for advice and support from your colleagues and peers across the Network. To join the meeting click [here](#) or email us at england.stpn@nhs.net to be added to the mailing list for this call.

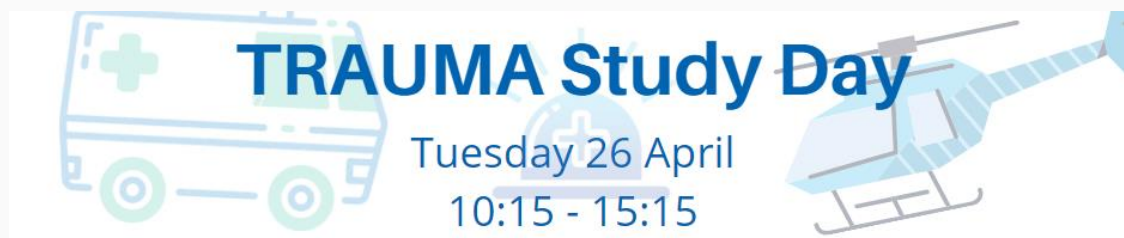
STPN Grand Round

Thursday 21 April - 13:00 to 14:00

The Cerebral Palsy Integrated Pathway

Anita Patel, Clinical Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist, and Elspeth Will, Clinical Lead Physiotherapist, from Evelina London will bring us this month's grand round.

To find out more about this Grand Round and ones planned for the future click [here](#).



Join us for our Trauma Study Day with a great line up of speakers from all across the Major Trauma Network for the STPN region. For more information and to register your place click [here](#).

STPN's Whatsapp group for updates

 **Join us on Whatsapp!** 

Want an easy way to keep up to date with STPN events and news but without all of the chit chat? Then join our whatsapp group by clicking this link - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FjbGTLWoTWp0hv7JXZSjRZ>

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Useful resources to share



A chance to give your feedback on the paediatric surge response

NHSE are gathering feedback on the paediatric surge response through an online questionnaire. They're keen that it is distributed widely to enable feedback from a range of teams/individuals involved in the response. With that in mind, we'd be grateful for your support in completing the questionnaire and forwarding the link to other members of your teams. It can be accessed [here](#) or via the QR code and **will remain open until Friday 18 March.**

Diabetes Clinical Lead Role at Regional Level

Children and Young People Transformation Team (SE Region) at NHS England and NHS Improvement are looking for expressions of interests for a Diabetes Clinical Lead (1 PA per week) at a South East Level. For more information about this role please contact the team by emailing england.cyptransformationLDN@nhs.net.

National AHP LTV Evening Lecture Series

This series of evening lectures, beginning on 27 April at 7pm bi-weekly, have been designed with the patient LTV journey in mind.

To find out more information and to register your place click [here](#).

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