



**South Thames
Paediatric Network**
Transforming Healthcare for
Children and Young People

March 2023 Network Update

Welcome to our monthly Network Newsletter, which includes our latest information and updates, as well as resources available to support local planning and provision of clinical care. Don't forget to take a look at our website www.stpn.uk for more detailed information.

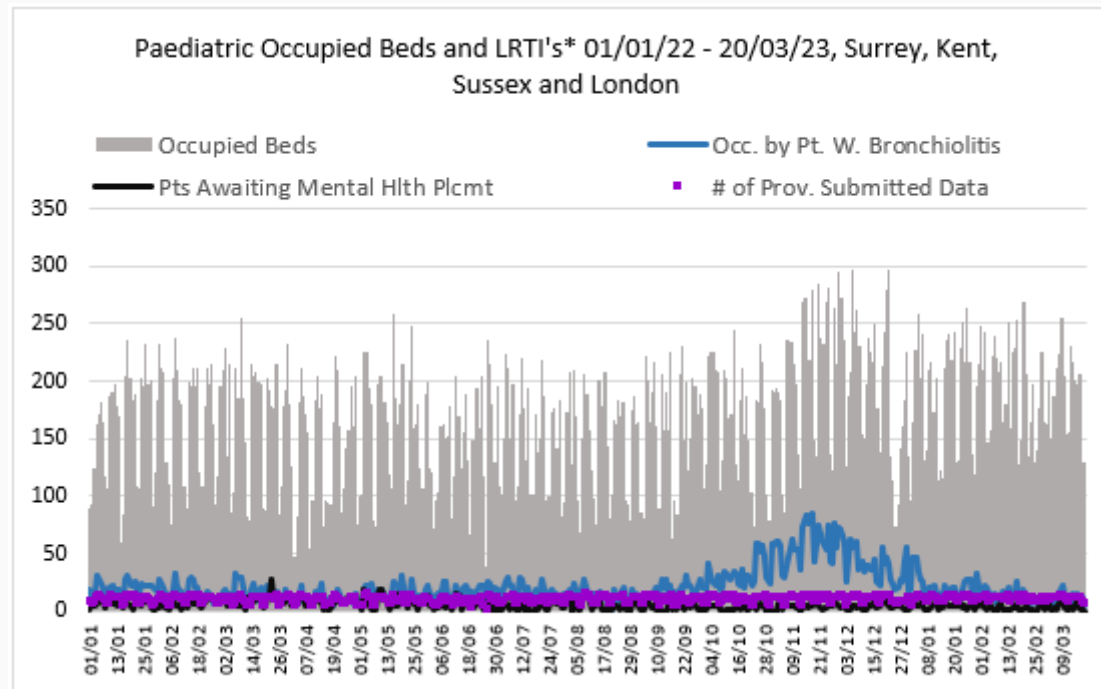


This is our spring newsletter and we would like to begin with a huge thanks to the teams for their work in the winter period. It was clear from the dashboard and weekly calls that this was an exceptionally busy winter period. The commitment demonstrated by all teams despite challenges including railway, nursing and junior doctor strikes, freezing weather and the Group A strep outbreak in addition to the usual winter respiratory virus surge was remarkable. We appreciate your support for all our work and look forward to working together to deliver the best possible care for children and young people in our region in the next year.



STPN Dashboard and Data

Figure 1: General Paediatric Beds occupied (01/01/2022 - 20/03/2023)



The graph above highlights the decline in the number of children admitted with a diagnosis of bronchiolitis (blue line) despite the fact that occupancy (grey bars) remains high across the region. There are still a small proportion of children awaiting mental health placement occupying in-patient beds (black line).

Figure 2: Paediatric Critical Care beds occupied (01/01/2022 - 20/03/202)

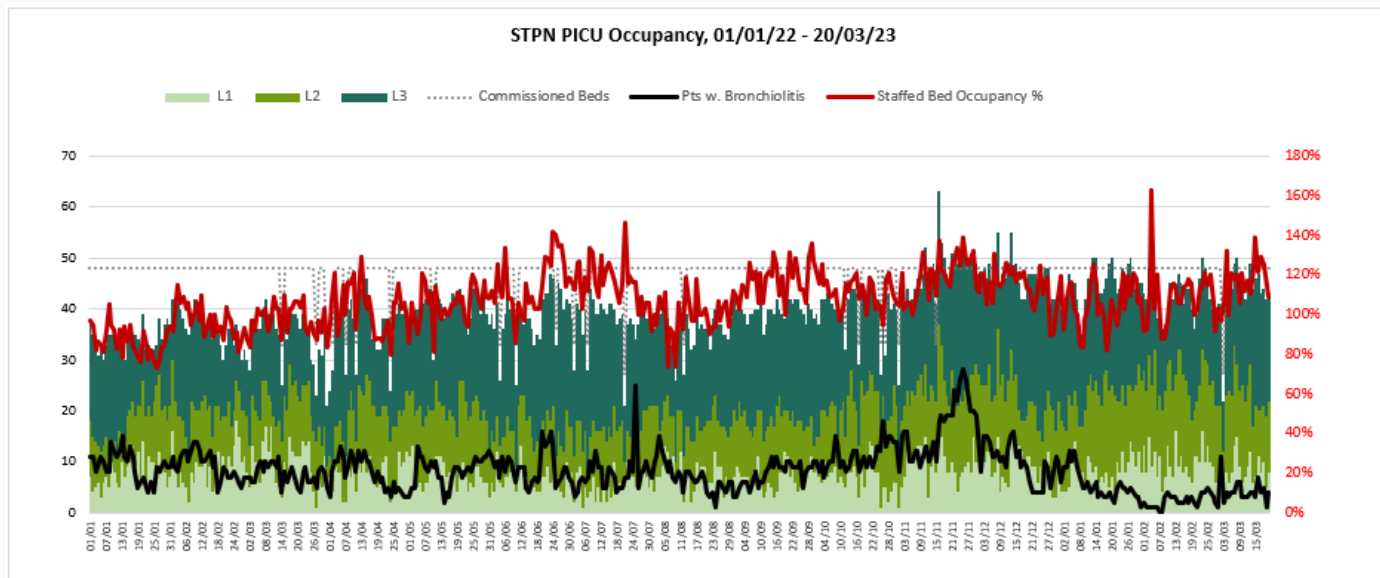


Figure 2 shows that the 3 PICUs have a higher level of activity compared to the same period in 2022 when occupancy was consistently below commissioned capacity.

Surgery in Children



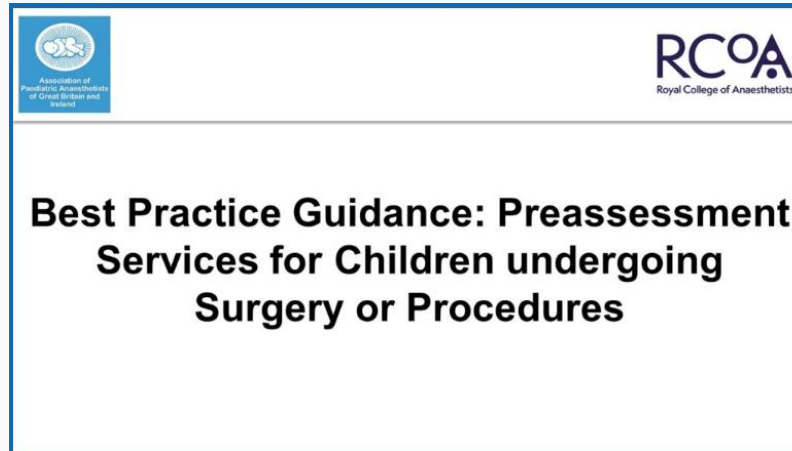
STPN is excited to confirm that the [Preassessment](#) webpage is now live.

There is lots of guidance to support your Preassessment service, or even design a new service.

The following resources are available on our website:

- A proposed preassessment pathway
- Network preassessment guidance
- Preassessment triage questionnaire
- Nursing preassessment proforma
- Criteria for Consultant Anaesthetist referral

Click on the document below to access Association of Paediatric Anaesthetics of Great Britain and Ireland (APAGBI) Best Practice Guidance



[Click here](#) to visit our website for more information.



Further resources to come soon:

- Service design support

- Child and family preparation resources

if you would like more information or to talk through your preassessment service, please get in touch on england.stpn@nhs.net

Transition

There is still time to join our Transition QI Webinars either live or via the STPN website ([Adolescent Health & Transition | South Thames Paediatric Network \(stpn.uk\)](#))

To register please [click here](#) or email sara.mahjabin@gstt.nhs.uk

[Diagnostic / Solution Design](#) - Wednesday 22nd of March 2023 15:30 – 17:00

[Implementation](#) - Tuesday 25th of April 2023 15:30 – 17:00

[Sustainability](#) - Wednesday 17th of May 2023 15:30 – 17:00

If you would like further support for your local transition work please let us know how we could help.

Epilepsy

We have a 100% success rate with the completion of the Paediatric Epilepsy Survey!

Thank you!

What happens next?

- We are cleaning the data
- We are creating local ICB and network level reports
- We will share the results and our action plan with you soon

What is else is happening?

- Join our Epilepsy CNS Forum - next meeting in May.
 - Listen out for our new Educational webinar programme
 - We are working with our ICB partners and linking in with their CORE20+5 Epilepsy programmes
 - We are waiting for the publication of Epilepsy National Bundles of Care recommendations
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Long Term Ventilation

As part of the skills implementation role STPN is able to support and provide LTV education across the network's acute hospitals, both DGHs and Tertiary Centres.

The training has no charge and is delivered by LTV experts directly in your hospital through skills workshops & scenarios, complimented with resources for ongoing education. These days have received fantastic feedback with the majority of attendees reporting improved confidence managing children on respiratory support.

Please email emma.whitcombe@gstt.nhs.uk for further information.

See the link below for LTV training and resources, including the most recent version of the **LTV Hub**, a poster with quick links for LTV and Ventilator specific training:

<https://stpn.uk/ltv/ltvedandresources/>

STPN Education



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<https://stpn.uk/education-alwayslearningtogether/>

April 2023 Always Learning Together – Management of Acute Pain

Webinar 20th April 2023 12:00-13:00

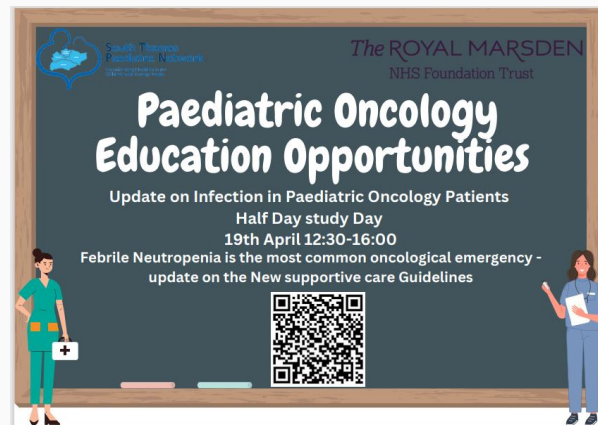
Topics to be covered – pharmacology, assessment and management and the play specialist role in managing pain

Oncology Half Day Study Day

19th April 12:30-16:00

New supportive care guidelines have been released on the management of febrile neutropenia, the most common oncological emergency. Join teams from The Royal Marsden and St Georges to discuss the changes in pathways, antimicrobial resistance and fungal infections in paediatric oncology.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/update-on-paediatric-infection-in-oncology-tickets-525496814117>



See poster for additional oncology webinars. All recordings can be found on the on the padlet:

<https://padlet.com/englandstpn/royal-marsden-paediatric-oncology-education-1lq46r7a3nozfv6v>



Neonatal Surgery Study Day

27th April 09:00-14:30

Focusing on enhancing neonatal specific knowledge by following a patients journey

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neonatal-surgery-study-day-tickets-516586071847>

Nursing HDU Course

Paediatric Acute Nursing in Critical Care Levels 1&2 with Surgery


Next Occurrence **September 2023**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/516669852437/>

CVAD Train the Trainer

26th October virtual study day with a placement day at the RMH for skills practice

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-the-trainer-central-venous-access-study-day-tickets-542747180427>




26th October 09:45-15:00

Train the Trainer Central Venous Access Study Day

The aim of the training is to provide senior nurses with the knowledge, clinical skills, and resources to provide evidence-based education for nurses to perform high quality central line care for patients in their clinical areas.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-the-trainer-central-venous-access-study-day-tickets-542747180427>



Placements to be arranged after the study day



[Mini mouth care e-learning training](#)

This short e-learning package can be applicable to all health care settings and is linked to Every Contact Counts. It aims to promote the importance of dental hygiene for CYP.

Improving Mouth Care for Children and Young People with Complications from Excessive Weights free eLearning launched and available [here](#)



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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