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Dear Ms Marshall

Neonatal Inquiry

Further to your email of 25 March please find below Aneurin Bevan Health Board's response to the questions you have asked in relation to delivering neonatal care:

1. Can you tell us what parent facilities, particularly accommodation facilities, are available to the families of special care babies in your area?

The following facilities are currently available within the neonatal units of the Health Board

- Weekly Parent craft sessions
- Weekly Parent Time sessions – in house parent support meeting
- Regular updates/meetings with Consultant
- Breast feeding support
- Discharge Care Pathway and Discharge Planning meetings - parents are involved /participate with this.

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- Communication sheet is on each cot for parents to participate
- Pan Gwent Liaison Service visit babies and parents in their own home after discharge to monitor weight, feeding/medication and in oxygen dependent babies saturations and download.
- Accommodation

Royal Gwent Hospital

- 2 parents bedrooms (1 double and 1 single). These bedrooms are only available to parents when their babies are nearly ready for discharge. These bedrooms are used as a step-down of care, just prior to going home.
- There is no accommodation available for parents of seriously ill babies.
- Space/accommodation is a serious issue at RGH site - we originally had 3 parent bedrooms but turned one into a breast feeding room.
- Parents accommodation also includes a
 - i. kitchen and shower room/toilet.
 - ii. Breast feeding room
 - iii. Quiet room
 - iv. Playroom/waiting room

Nevill Hall Hospital

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2. Do you agree with the British Association of perinatal Medicine that a systematic review of facilities for parents of babies receiving neonatal care in Wales is needed?

Agree with BAPM that a systematic review of facilities for parents is needed.

3. We heard evidence from the Neonatal Nurses Association and Royal College of Nursing of problems with staff training, including that staff were funding their own study and using their annual leave for study days. What is your response to this?

Only a proportion of the nurses are funded for the Neonatal Modules through the divisional educational budget. The shortfall is funded out of the Endowment funds as and when available. Full study leave is given for these modules.

Neonatal Life Support (NLS), neonatal transport and Enhanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (R23 module) courses is funded out of the Endowment Fund. There is no clear divisional/central funding stream for these courses.

Other training i.e. Modules, degree pathway and degrees are divisionally funded and half study leave given (up until 2010 full study leave was given).

There is no clear funding stream available for specific study leave/study days for nurses. This is funded as and when possible from Endowment fund but done in staff own time.

Statutory training and in house training is fully funded and full study time given.

3. How might the training available to neonatal nurses be improved?

Extensive work with the University of Glamorgan has resulted in the university providing two new neonatal modules (2010) purpose designed to suit the needs and frequency of neonatal services within SE Wales.

Additional Divisional funding should be allocated for neonatal training as the funding allocated does not cover the number of staff required to undertake the neonatal modules.

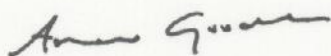
Additional course places ,the whole of NLS training and Enhanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (R23 Module) are funded from Endowment funds.

4. Can you tell us more about the role of Maternity Care Assistants in developing the neonatal nursing workforce?

These are not used within Neonatal Services with no plans to develop this role. Band 4 Nursery nurses are employed as are Healthcare Support Workers (they have no patient contact)

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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