

Working Group to review the Framework for Practice: Newborn Early Warning Trigger & Track (NEWTT)

Terms of Reference

Background, General Terms and Purpose

The Newborn Early Warning Trigger & Track (NEWTT) Framework for Practice, published in 2015, described groups of patients requiring regular observations in order to detect deterioration in their clinical signs early, prompting escalation and timely assessment. The framework is due for review, incorporating any new evidence and user experience, in addition to developing an assessment and action tool for the multidisciplinary team to employ when escalation is required.

Outputs

- 1. Review the framework including the NEWTT tool by April 2021
- 2. Develop a standardised multi-professional escalation response (assessment and action) tool for use by the reviewing team when escalation is required
- 3. Highlight processes for identifying and managing any deteriorating baby regardless of the clinical setting (including the community)
- 4. Link the framework with the evidence and outputs from the ATAIN programme
- 5. Work with national agencies, specifically the National Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme, NHSI, who are developing a broader project to incorporate this framework and allow for national support for implementation. This will start from April 2021 and will roll forward until March 2023.

Membership

The composition of the group will be as follows:

Chairs: Dr Wendy Tyler, BAPM Honorary Treasurer & Dr Kathryn Macallister, Trainee Representative, BAPM

Members:

- Parent representation 1-2
- Midwifery 1-2
- Neonatal nursing/ANNP 1-2
- Consultant: SCU/LNU, NICU x 2
- Kate Dinwiddy, Chief Executive of BAPM
- Tony Kelly and Michelle Upton, NHSI



Meetings and Timeline

It is envisaged that there will be three Teams meetings to permit development and finalisation of the Framework by teleconference and email correspondence. The following timeline is proposed:

- Oct 2019 finalise Terms of Reference and agree working group members
- Nov 2020 Teams meeting 1: review existing framework, understand the need for development and assign streams of work – evidence search, user experience, developing signposting/guidance for broader patient groups, linkages with ATAIN, developing a multi-professional assessment and action tool
- Nov-Dec 2020 completion of work streams through email correspondence or Teams/telephone contact
- Jan 2021 Teams meeting 2: develop the streams into the draft framework NEWTTv2
- Jan-Feb 2021 finalise NEWTTv2 final draft
- March 2021- BAPM EC, member & wider stakeholder consultation
- April 2021 Teams meeting 3: receive and respond to consultation, agree final NEWTTv2 for publication

In view of COVID-19 meetings will be remote through Teams

Success Criteria and Measures

To produce an agreed document

Through the National Maternity & Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme, NHSI

Reporting

Circulation to EC and membership as above

Responsibility and Accountability

The group is responsible to the BAPM Executive Committee and accountable to the BAPM membership.

Probity

The group will operate under the arrangements for probity as set out in the BAPM conflicts of interest policy. All group members will be required to complete a declaration of interest form which will be held in the BAPM office and made available on request.