

Our strategy will focus around 6 priority themes and associated programmes of work

Therapy Services Strategic Priorities & programmes of work

Acute paediatric services – improve quality & outcomes through timely assessment, intervention & rehab for children and young people across a range of acute and specialist pathways

We will work with clinical directorates, Executives and other key stakeholders to identify priority capacity deficits, share and manage risks and explore targeted funding opportunities to positively impact and improve quality & outcomes. Development work will include a joint focus across Neonates, PICU and into a number of specialty pathways including oncology, neuro-rehab, persistent physical symptoms & children's CHD to improve quality, safety and patient outcomes.

We will ensure that our teams have clear and appropriate job plans in place, identifying clearly what their job planned capacity is & how they can deliver against a defined safe staffing framework. We will implement a number of service specifications so there is transparency and oversight to what and how we deliver services in key paediatric settings.



Implementing a Developmental Care Programme for Babies in Hospital with Congenital Heart Disease

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Age-appropriate care

Protects the Brain

Promotes parent-baby
relationship in an acute
clinical environment



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*“Yes, We did Skin –to-skin
Care whilst we were on
neonates...but I know you
don’t that here do you ? ”*

*Mother of a baby transferred from NICU to Cardiac PICU – August
2022*



Objectives

1. Build a Developmental Care MDT
2. Introduction to FINE Training Sessions – *Theory and Practical*
3. Initiation of Skin-to-skin Care for babies with CHD – QI project
4. Develop Neonatal Cardiac Clinical Specialist Role – **establish /promote**



Progress Update :- 12 months

1. Building a Team :- *Core MDT, FINE 1 Trained, Team objectives, Monthly meeting,*
2. Training sessions :- *Ward Mandatory Training, standalone sessions, awareness days, Bedside training,*
3. SSC :- *All babies < 3 months. QI Project, Newcastle improvement services.*
4. Specialist Role :- *Advanced clinical skills, support babies and families from admission to discharge. Focus on promoting parent/baby bond, individualised care*



Secure Further Funding

1. Building a Team :- *Expand team, vision ; - Upskilled nursing staff, Opportunity for AHPs to promote roles and expertise*
2. Education sessions :- *Sustain and Expand to Medical staff – neonatal 3-year plan March 2023 , states that MDT should work , learn and train together . Opportunity for AHPs to promote roles and expertise.*
3. SSC :- *Establish SSC for babies with CHD guidelines – (could be used adapted for all surgical babies. :- in discussion with GNCH clinical educators*
4. Specialist physio - *Developmental Care rounds , Antenatal care/ Post discharge follow-up – home visits.*



Project is all about AHPs – Perfect opportunity to increase Profile across the Trust?

