

AMICU Minutes for Meeting held 9th December 2005-12-20

Meeting was attended by 21 critical care doctors and chaired by Dr Tweedie

Dr Tweedie welcomed everyone and thanked the sponsors, Mark Lazenby from Wyeth and Jackie Simpson from Sanofi-Aventis.

Apologies were received from Drs Gary Masterson, Lawrence McCrossan, Andrew Axon and Chris Whitehead.

Dr Tweedie welcomed the first speaker Dr Andrew Selby Consultant Paediatrician who gave a 45 minute talk based on his own experience of the GMCs professional conduct committee. He included a general overview of how the system is handled, which did nothing to enhance those present confidence in the GMC. The talk though deeply emotional was well received and led to 10 minutes of lively discussion.

AMICU thanked Andrew very much for being prepared to talk to us.

The second speaker Dr Euan Shearer Consultant Intensivist and RA for critical care was introduced and welcomed by Dr Tweedie. Dr Shearer gave a 45 minute comprehensive description of how critical care training was developing with particular reference to local changes. He invited local units to consider offering opportunities for level 1 placements for the future regional training posts.

Minutes of previous meeting were taken as read

Matters arising none

Business meeting

CSG Dr Tweedie gave brief feedback from that morning's CSG meeting

2 temporary additional beds were in place at the Royal and Warrington to help winter pressures. They are funded by surplus network money and are not recurrent. The network have bid to have money given recurrently each winter to open an extra bed where most needed at the time.

There is to be a meeting on 29th March on implementing the surviving sepsis protocol with Dr Micheal Levy providing the keynote speech

Pandemic flu planning for crit care is underway and a questionnaire has been sent to each unit to assess local preparedness.

Patient flow study has been completed and of note is the fact that each day the equivalent to 12 – 13 ICU beds are lost due to delayed discharges.

Insurance for ambulance transfers may now have been resolved, as the MRAS insurers have written to clarify that all passengers are covered under third party risk whilst travelling in and getting in and out of their vehicles.

NCEPOD 'Acute problem' pilot audit completed at royal with no surprises.

Dr Ferguson has resigned as clinical effectiveness lead and the network is looking for a replacement.

ICS Nothing to report

AMICU Still looking for a new chairman and secretary as both Dr Tweedie and Masterson have now served over 5 years.

A o B Nil

Date of next meeting Friday 17th March 2006

Dr Tweedie wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 16:45