



Quality and Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Clarion Hotel Liffey Valley, Dublin

16th June 2015

In Attendance

David Bradley
David Willis
Brigid O'Doherty
Derek Nolan
Michael O'Reilly
Andrew Lyle
Anthony Corcoran
John McShane
John Conroy
Shane Mooney (Chair)
Mick Dougan
Ian Brennan
Tony Lawlor

Apologies

Ronan Denning
Greg Lyons
Ricky Tracey
Brigid Sinnott

Present

Barry O'Sullivan
Jacqueline Egan
Brian Power
Deirdre Borland
Jim Carroll, Heart ER

1. Chair's Business

The Chair thanked the acting director, Barry O'Sullivan, for delivering the pre-meeting specific topic presentation on Licencing, Privileging and Credentialing. See item 2.1.

David Willis, was welcomed as a new member to the committee representing HSE National Ambulance Service and replacing Katrina Mullally.

Amendments to the September meeting minutes as requested by Ian Brennan were noted as being completed.

The Chair informed the committee that Mr Peter Dennehy has been appointed to the position of Director of PHECC and will take up his post at the end of June.

1.1 Meeting Report and Matters Arising

Resolution: That the Quality and Safety Committee approve the meeting minutes of March 4th 2015.

Proposed: Chris O'Connor

Seconded: John McShane

Carried without dissent

2. Skills and knowledge to support best practice

2.1 Practitioner Practice Regime

Prior to the meeting proper Deputy Director, Barry O'Sullivan gave a presentation and facilitated a questions and answers session on practitioner practice and the Triple Lock elements of Credentialing, Licencing and Privileging. The presentation was followed by a robust question and answers session.

2.2 CPG Competency

2.2.1 CPG Licensed Service Provider Status 2012

An overview was given on the status of the engagement with the licensed providers regarding upskilling.

It was discussed that as all upskilling for 2014 CPGs must be completed by January 2016, licenced providers should be corresponded with in advance of the deadline as a reminder of same and to ascertain practitioner current status.

An amendment to the Practitioner Registration form was requested as follows: include a field requesting practitioners to state the CPGs edition to which they are skilled. The feasibility of this will be explored by the executive and returned to the committee as appropriate.

The monitoring of CPG currency was discussed and the members deliberated on whether it was the responsibility of the employer or the employees in this regard.

2.3 CPG Application and Renewal Process

The committee was updated on amendments to the CPG approval Application and Renewal Process. It is hoped that the changed process will ease the administrative burden to both applicant organisation and PHECC.

The committee was informed that the introduction of licensed provider inspections in the future will provide opportunity for engagement and the importance of engaging medical directors in the inspection process was reinforced.

A discussion regarding Garda vetting and currency of Garda vetting took place. The members agreed that regardless of industrial relation issues licensed providers should be aware of their obligations as per the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012

Resolution: That the Quality and Safety Committee recommend to Council for approval POL003 – Council Rules for pre-hospital emergency care service providers who apply for approval for implementation of Clinical Practice and FOR127 – Statutory Declaration for approval as CPG Service Providers.

Proposed: David Bradley
Carried without dissent

Seconded: Chris O'Connor

2.4 Emergency Inter-Hospital Transfer (Protocol 37)

An overview of Emergency Inter-Hospital Transfer (Protocol 37) initiative, which allows for an emergency inter hospital transfer compete with public 999 calls was given to the committee.

2.5 ILCOR Guidelines

An overview of the impending ILCOR Guidelines and in addition a paper outlining the implications for the PHECC office was given to the committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the standard of CFR materials. The committee was informed that there is a requirement for a low cost option for the delivery of CFR training and that the quality of the materials will be of paramount importance.

3. Information standards leading to data collection and clinical audit

3.1 Clinical Audit workshop update

The committee were given an overview, including feedback from the Clinical Audit workshop which was the featured theme at the March Quality and Safety Committee meeting.

3.2 Clinical Audit for licensed providers

The committee were informed of PHECCs availability to engage with organisations and offer assistance and guidance in the area of implementation of Clinical Audit and members were encouraged to engage with PHECC in order to maximise the value of clinical audit undertaken.

3.3 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Suite Report

The committee were given a brief overview of appropriate KPI suite of domains for pre-hospital care in Ireland. The complete report will be available in due course.

4. AOB

A query was raised with regard to the placement of AEDs at venues, particularly sporting events. The committee was informed that, on the request of the Minister for Health, in follow up to the publication of the Public Health (Availability of Defibrillators) Bill 2013, HIQA carried out a Health Technology Assessment (HTA) on Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) programmes. The conclusion was that PAD programmes should be considered but only in conjunction with increased public awareness, additional CPR training and an AED register linked to the EMS control centre system. The committee were encouraged to advise interested people to make contact with CFR Ireland for advice.

The Chair thanked the members for their contribution and the meeting was called to end. The next meeting will be held on the 10th November 2015.

Signed:



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