

# Newsletter

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West Yorkshire  
Critical Care & Major Trauma  
Operational Delivery Networks



## Welcome to our Network Newsletter — Winter 2023

As the end of another busy year approaches its timely to reflect on what we've achieved as a critical care network. It's been a busy year packed with unit visits, meetings, training events, conferences and a whole host of quality improvement activities which will be touched on throughout our Christmas newsletter. The most rewarding aspect of working within a network is coming together with dedicated people to make things better for patients and staff, whether that's improving experience, reducing harm, or improving teamwork and engagement. Gaining feedback from all members of our multi professional teams about how valued and included they feel as part of the safety survey has been so powerful and one of my highlights of this year. We are grateful to the Y&H Improvement Academy for assisting with this project and more thankful to all staff who took the time to participate in

the safety survey. Collecting data and information is a fundamental part of our role but is only part of the story, and we very much appreciate the time, effort and engagement we have with all our colleagues to ensure we remain focused on what matters to patients and staff. We are especially grateful to the staff who participate in network forums and particularly those staff who give up their valuable time to support and lead various network groups and training events.

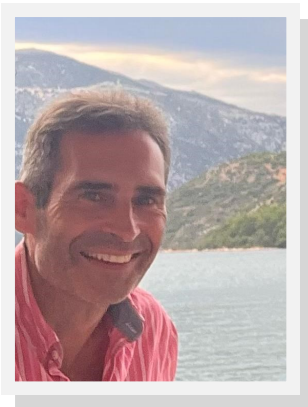
As this is the season of goodwill it's the perfect time to acknowledge the contribution each and every one of you make and to say thank you.

We wish you all and your loved ones a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.



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Dr Paul Stonelake

## Network Medical Lead

Simon Whiteley will be stepping down as Network Medical Lead at the end of February 2024 and we are extremely grateful for his leadership and support during the last 5 years and we all wish Simon well in his future endeavours.

Taking up the Medical Lead role from February 2024 will be Dr Paul Stonelake. Paul is a Consultant Intensivist at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and has previously held the Network Deputy Medical Lead during covid and is very much looking forward to starting his network role in the new year.



## Delirium Prevention Project

The Delirium Prevention Project has been developed to increase awareness of prevention strategies, education, and the management of delirium for critical care patients. We have formed a task and finish group made up of knowledgeable and enthusiastic professionals from the multi-disciplinary teams within critical care throughout both West & South Yorkshire who are all passionate about delirium prevention. The group are developing a repository of bite sized educational resources, tools and documents for both networks that will be accessible via the network websites. Patient representatives have offered their input for co-producing/reviewing materials to support patients and relatives affected by delirium. An event is being held on 7th May 2024 for delirium champions to attend to equip them with resources to take back to their units to share, advocate and empower the team to support critical care patients with delirium or at risk of developing delirium.

If you want more information or to get involved please contact [Eve Geldart](#)



## Critical Care Network Leadership Courses 2023



This year the Network repeated two Band 5/6 Leadership Courses in September at the Holiday Inn, Wakefield. All staff who attended the two day courses were required to completed the Myers Briggs Personality Test before the course, this was used to help staff understand their particular leadership traits and how best apply them in the work environment. The content of the course has been developed to allow staff to explore concepts of leadership and also leading change by undertaking a quality improvement project. Feedback from both courses was great, as such we propose to run a further two courses in 2024.



# Regional Benchmarking Group

In September 2023 the Regional Benchmarking Group launched a new benchmarking process and at the same time welcomed the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Critical Care Units into the group. A [Benchmarking Best Practice Principles](#) document has been produced to ensure standardised practice when benchmarking and new tools have been developed to allow comparison between units for specific areas of care. The benchmarking tools have been developed, based on the evidence and to reflect current best practice and guidance, reducing subjectivity.

The benchmark results have been shared with your unit benchmarking lead and senior nurses. Sharing the results promote discussion, sharing of best practice and lead to quality improvement. Want to get involved? Speak to your senior nurse.

Month	Benchmark Calendar
September	Endotracheal Tube Management
October	Tracheostomy Tubes
November	Pressure Ulcer Prevention
December	Eye & Oral Care
January	Delirium
February	Arterial & Central Line Management

## Critical Care Transfer Training



The West Yorkshire Network will be providing another Critical Care Transfer course on 28th February 2024. This course will take place at the Resuscitation Education Centre at St James' Hospital Leeds and they are aimed at Nurses, ODPs, Anaesthetic/ ICM/ ACCS trainees (CT1-3) and those new to inter and intra hospital transfer. The courses consist of a mix of lectures, workshops and simulation. Please seek agreement from your Education Supervisor / Clinical Educator and book your place here. More dates will be released in the new year for 2024.

## NECTAR Transfer Service

NECTAR continue to be commissioned by NHSE to provide the Adult Critical Care Transfer Service for Yorkshire & Humber

The service is available 7 days a week from 10.00 - 22.00  
To contact NECTAR the phone number: 01912826699



## Safety Climate Survey

The Critical Care Network has been working in collaboration with the [Yorkshire & Humber Improvement Academy](#) to understand the safety climate across the Critical Care Units in West Yorkshire. It's important to understand team working and safety culture, as there is clear evidence demonstrating where team harmony exists there is a positive impact on safety. A sound safety culture exists where every member of the MDT, regardless of their role and professional group, feels valued and where everybody also feels like they can speak up if they feel worried about a patient (Psychological Safety).

If you haven't seen the results for your unit please ask your senior team.



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## ODN Network Team

The West Yorkshire Critical Care Operational Delivery Network is made up of a small team. Claire Horsfield as Manager/Lead Nurse supported by Dr Simon Whitely, Medical Lead, Alison Richmond, Quality Improvement Lead Nurse, Samantha Rogers, Project Manager & Data Analyst & Eve Geldart, Lead Nurse for Education & Quality Improvement.



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