Background
Following the Launch of the NHS Scotland Children and Young People Acute Deterioration Management (CYPADM) policy in 2010, NHS Lothian undertook to identify a dissemination process which would promote consistency in the sharing of information (see diagram 1 & 2).

Aim
Development of a pathway aimed at ensuring gold standard communication between health and social care providers was viewed as a potentially comprehensive measure to support the implementation of the NHS Scotland resuscitation planning policy for children and young people within NHS Lothian. Children and young people with complex healthcare needs are frequently under the care of multiple disciplines and services, therefore it is in the best interest of the child and their family to promote good communication if repeated conversations are to be avoided. The implementation of the CYPADM documentation has helped to reduce the duplication of these very difficult and sensitive discussions. The NHS Lothian pathway aims to embed the principles of the CYPADM policy by guiding staff through process of sharing this important information.

Consultant Pathway

- Complete CYPADM form
- Agree distribution list and agree verbal consent for registration of details on the electronic Key Information Summary (eKIS)

STEP 1

- Copy 1 - insert as the first page within the current volume of patient’s hospital notes
- Copy 2 - Send to CYPADM administrator along with completed distribution list

STEP 2

- Give original CYPADM form to parents/carers
- Send email to secure box (global address list - CYPADM)
- Send letter to GP highlighting discussion and confirming verbal consent for eKIS
- Ask GP to acknowledge receipt & document existence of form on SPN

STEP 3

- Agreement required for GP to register child/young persons CYPADM details on to the eKIS

Information for Staff

CYPADM ADMINISTRATOR
- Sends CYPADM to GP obtaining confirmation of registration onto eKIS
- Registers alert on TRAK
- Distributes copies to Scottish Ambulance Service, named professional (GIRFEC), Community Paediatrician and services specific to the child/young person i.e. respite or hospice
- Liaises with Consultant & Palliative Care Nurse to ensure pathway for sharing of information is completed
- Acts as resource of information to all staff
- Facilitates education

Resuscitation Officer
- Maintains record of active CYPADM forms
- Liaises with Consultant & Palliative Care Nurse to ensure pathway for sharing of information is completed
- Acts as resource of information to all staff
- Facilitates education

Palliative Care Nurse
- Liaises with MDT to ensure good practice & communication
- Initiates anticipatory care planning as appropriate
- Acts as resource of information to all staff
- Facilitates education

Diagram 1

Summary
The Lothian pathway for dissemination has been well received however through continued reflection it is recognised that there are further measures to be taken to ensure it meets the needs of our children and families. Forthcoming review of the pathway with partners is planned. Links with partner agencies have been established and positively received, however in practice challenges remain around awareness of the CYPADM and the sustainability of education for those who come into contact with the child/young person who holds this form.

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