



Children and Young People Acute Deterioration Management (CYPADM)

A pathway for dissemination & sharing of information

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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

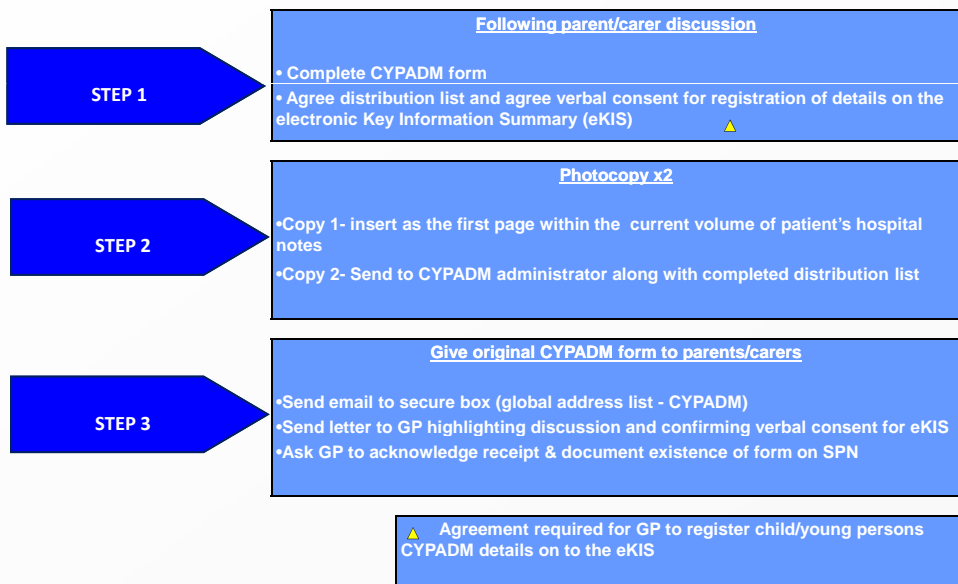


Diagram 1

Information for Staff



Diagram 2

NHS Lothian local CYPADM dissemination pathway - Jennifer Pyper, Resuscitation Officer & NHS Lothian SLWG RHSCE (2011)

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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