Clinical Directors’ Forum 2019

Renal Association

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History

Definition of DGH:
1962 - 600 to 800 beds
- 100 to 150000 population
- single handed nephrologists

2019 - ???

TOF

AGM – RA/BRS

Affiliation – Renal Association CD Forum
Commissioned Survey of CDs 2016

Current DGH Representation
- BRS Council
- RA Executive Committee
- JSC
- CESR applications assessments

DGH involvement to date

BRS

- Council
- Symposium chair
- Abstract marking
- Sponsorship – CPD sessions
- BRS VA Special Interest Group
  - Cannulation guidelines
  - Renal Rehabilitation Group – PEDAL Study

Renal Association

- Newsletters – DGH update
- Member of Executive Committee
- Member of NICE Anaemia CKD
- Author Vascular Access Guidelines
- Member of European Renal Best Practice VA Group
- Co-author/Editor RR Reports Multisite Audit
- Specialty Advisor for Wales
Society of DGH Nephrologists

Business meetings/AGM  RA/BRS Symposium 2016

Objectives

- DGH nephrology has grown to a level that a separate approach is required to re-focus on the provision of renal services.
- Particular areas of concern are how the DGHs will respond to future hospitals strategy with the cuts in renal trainees
- Increase in completed CCTs compared to available consultant posts
- Can all DGHs provide dialysis for emergencies 24/7
- How can we maintain “a DGH voice” on key committees to influence changes in service developments?
- Questionnaire survey to DGH CD to seek their views on the need for the need for Society of DGH Nephrologists
Society of DGH Nephrologists – survey 2016 (n=23)

No of nephrologists in your unit?

- **WTE: 2-12**  Median 4
- **On call**
  - GIM 0-1:28  Median 1:14
  - Renal 1:3-1:12  Median 1:4

Do you provide dialysis for AKI out of hours?

- **Dialysis for AKI 24/7**
  - Yes
  - No + ITU
  - No + Transfer

Are you on call with renal SPR?

- **Renal SPR rota**
  - Yes
  - No
Society of DGH Nephrologists – future??

- Re-brand - DGH Nephrology Focus Group
- Task and Finish projects
- AGM/Committee representation
- Membership : MDT Approach
- Multicentre studies
- Current revenue - £5K
Conclusion

There is need for a DGH Focus Group to

• Address issues of concern about the delivery of renal services in DGH
• Provide a forum for sharing good practice
• Represent views of DGH MDT at national committees