

**Specialist Paediatric Managed Clinical Networks**

Proforma for assessing the potential for MCN development within a clinical service

The purpose of this proforma is to :-

- Identify the potential role of a Managed Clinical Network (MCN) in the future development of a service
- Assess the suitability of a service for the introduction of an MCN
- Allow prioritisation, if appropriate, of potential MCN proposals in the context of a national strategic approach to specialist paediatric services
- Identify those key challenges affecting a service which would not be addressed by an MCN introduced in isolation
- Clarify whether, if the introduction of an MCN is deemed appropriate, this is taken forward at national, regional or local level

**1. Clinical Effectiveness and Service Quality**

a. Describe current shortcomings in the quality and effectiveness of the service across the patient journey with particular regard to clinical outcomes

b. Identify how the introduction of the Managed Clinical Network will address these issues

**2. Sustainability**

a. Describe current threats to the sustainability to the clinical service either at a national level or within individual areas

b. Identify how these threats would be addressed by the introduction of a Managed Clinical Network

**3. Compliance with agreed standards**

a. Identify key existing or emergent agreed service standards\* pertinent to the service and describe the extent to which these are currently met (\*these will normally be standards generated by recognised clinical and organisational standard-setting bodies eg NIHCCE, SIGN, NHS QIS etc)

b. Describe how compliance with the identified standards would be affected by a MCN

**4. Variability of service provision**

a. Describe the pattern of service delivery across Scotland at present particularly in regard to significant local or regional variations in service quality (this specifically includes issues such as availability and access)

b. How will the introduction of a Managed Clinical Network address these issues

**5. Clinical Support**

a. Describe the current pattern of collaborative working within the service/speciality across Scotland including any existing informal clinical networks (or equivalent)

b. What level of support currently exists for the development a Managed Clinical Network and are there identified individuals who would be willing and able to accept a lead role

**6. Information Management**

a. Describe the current arrangements for data capture, analysis and audit within the service/speciality

b. How would these be enhanced by the creation of a Managed Clinical Network

**7. Achievability**

a. What would you view as a realistic timescale within which a Managed Clinical Network, once approved, could be fully operational? What would be the principal issues which would govern the achievability of a fully operational MCN?

**8. Use of resources**

a. In what ways would an effectively operated MCN result in more resource-efficient services?

b. To what extent would a Managed Clinical Network be dependent on other resource investments (outwith those inherent in the organisational arrangements of the network) in order for the benefits of the MCN to be realised in practice

**9. MCN principles (see HDL (2007) 21)**

a. To what extent does the current pattern of service provision already address the key issues identified in the principles underpinning the MCN approach

b. In seeking to comply with these principles what would be the principal challenges facing an MCN

**10. Level of Network**

a. Given the nature of the patient journey and the necessary elements of the service could Managed Clinical Networks realistically be provided at Health Board level across Scotland. If not provide a brief explanation of the reasons and proceed to 10b

b. Given the nature of the patient journey and the necessary elements of the service do each of the three regions in Scotland have the clinical infrastructure to sustain a Managed Clinical Network. If not summarise those elements necessary for an effective MCN which are not replicated within each region

c. If a Managed Clinical Network were to be developed are there any other agencies outwith the NHS (local authority, voluntary sector) whose involvement in service delivery should be reflected by inclusion in the network

**11. Limitations of a Managed Clinical Network**

a. Describe those key issues which will not be addressed by an MCN and outline what would be required for these issues to be progressed