

To be passed to:

Operating Theatre Managers

Surgical Leads

Surgical Team Directors

Decontamination Leads



National Performance Advisory Group

Operating Theatres Best Value Group 2018-19

5th September 2018, central London

The Operating Theatres BVG is a expert group of NHS Theatre Managers' and team members, bringing together a wealth of knowledge and experience, discussing the issues that affect individual organisations and the profession collectively on a day to day basis.

As a member-led group, you put forward suggestions for presentations to assist your Trust. Each meeting contains at least two key presentations from an external source. Staple agenda items include;

Cost improvements and efficiency savings; MHRA reports and alerts; W.H.O. checklists and governance; Theatre structures and scheduling, agency, etc.; Actual and potential Never Events; CQC visits and findings and Open Forum for all those other queries.

The members have agreed to a further three meeting dates across 2018-2019 with the first taking place in **London** on the **5th September**. In addition to the meetings, membership includes attendance at the annual NPAG **Theatres and Decontamination Conference** which will take place on the 6th March 2019 at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. This conference is supported by both the NPAG Operating Theatre Group and the Decontamination Group members. The agenda is member driven to ensure maximum value. Delegates will have access to a large exhibition and plenty of essential networking time. Plus attendees will receive a CPD certificate.

Members are leaders in their field with extensive knowledge, experience and drive; always pursuing the highest standards. They find the meetings informative, informal, open and transparent. Issues covered are current and varied, such as patient safety, staffing structures and theatre efficiencies - to name a few – always pursuing continuous improvement for member's departments.

“At the very first meeting we attended we listened to Mark Rigby explaining the benefits and importance of practice development education. Little did we know that this was a golden nugget of experience that was shared. As a result of our investment into practice development education we are now in our third year of having no agency staff in our theatres. The impact this has had has been phenomenal. We have seen our theatre teams go from strength to strength supported throughout their careers with us. We have also been able to add new career options with the creation of Surgical First Assistant posts as a result of having a stable workforce. The Dip HE Operating Department Practice Course at Bournemouth University has received a 100% satisfaction rate in the latest National Staff Survey. We could not have achieved this without NPAG. We look forward to the events and always bring back new ideas to work with and enjoy spending time with our colleagues.” Corrina Davies, Directorate Manager – Critical Care, Anaesthetics, Theatres, Sterile Services, The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Why join? Our Chair says:

“As the chair of the theatre benchmark group it has helped me grow as a leader and a productive theatre manager. I have made many contacts and peers. I have been asked to chair other conferences which are attributed to theatres and its being a great experience for myself. Sharing governance and quality has been so supportive to all members. We have together supported robust CIP challenges and even a league table for a bit of competition. We have now started a basecamp communication cell to communicate with each other faster and all can see. This is a trial and I hope to move the teams to Microsoft teams as basecamp is costly. Each series gives me and the team a better understanding to make changes in this changing NHS and make theatres most cost efficient.” Head of Theatres Services Surgery, Women's and Children's Division, Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS FT

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