

Operating Theatre Managers Best Value Group 2023-24

Meeting 1: Wednesday 13th September 2023

The Operating Theatre Managers group is very well established and respected network that continues to grow year-on-year. With increasing pressures on this hugely important part of the NHS, the role of this group has never been more important.

A major benefit of joining the Operating Theatres BVG is that it is a national group with members from across the country – thereby offering a greater range of knowledge sharing, learning and support.

The NHS Operating Theatres agenda is large and complex. To help address some of the challenges the following are just a few of the regular 'Standing Items' topics that the group aims to cover:

- **Corrective actions arising from audits**
- **WHO Checklists**
- **Governance**
- **Theatre Efficiencies**
- **CIPs**
- **Audits**
- **Job Descriptions & Person Specifications**
- **Human Factors**
- **Safer Surgery / Patient Safety**
- **Theatre Staffing – Skill Mix, Training, etc.**
- **Benchmarking**
- **Never Events**
- **Procurement**
- **Theatre Equipment**
- **Elective recovery**

Each meeting also has a 'Hot Topics' slot where members can raise any current issues or areas where they need help and advice. We also have 'Sharing Good Practice' slots where members are invited to share local projects and initiatives, along with 'External/Commercial Presentation' slots.

Members also benefit significantly from the large amount of networking that takes place between meetings. This includes the incredibly valuable 'Inter Meeting Emails Discussion' facility whereby members can ask questions of all the other members, often receiving answers the same day (if not within the hour!)

Who would benefit from joining? Anyone in the NHS who has a role in Operating Theatres management.

Why join? Our Chair says:

"This group is vital for all Theatre Managers and Theatre Leads. The benchmarking element gives the members a strong sense of awareness of how other theatre departments are performing. CIP programmes are continually shared in meetings, contributing to a big difference to an organisation's financial stability. The governance aspect is amazing, we are dedicated to sharing never event incidents and audit types to keep theatres safe. We have members who work with the CQC and add great feedback and value to the group. With the NHS financial challenges we face over the coming year, we will essentially be concentrating on staffing cost and financial cost reductions, plus continue to examine all of the above."

There will be 4 x meetings in the new round – 3 x face-to-face and 1 x virtual. The first meeting of the new round will be held on **Wednesday 13 September 2023**, face-to-face in London. We hope that you can join us as we go forward.

Note – one of the meetings in the round is the joint annual Theatres and Decontamination Conference held in May.

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