to the needs of children and their parents. Further research is required to explore the views of children and bereaved parents who have experienced deferred consent.

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BACKGROUND INCIDENCE TRENDS OF INTUSSUSCEPTION AMONG CHILDREN IN ENGLAND: RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS USING HOSPITAL EPISODE STATISTICS AND DATA LINKAGE TO COMPARE HES WITH THE BRITISH PAEDIATRIC SURVEILLANCE UNIT

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Aims To estimate background trends in intussusception admissions prior to the introduction of rotavirus vaccine in the UK. To compare the quality of Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) with intussusception data from the British Paediatric Surveillance Unit (BPSU).

Methods Retrospective analysis of the NHS inpatient HES was carried out to estimate background intussusception trends in the paediatric population in England from 1995 to 2009. Data linkage was performed between HES and previously obtained BPSU data on intussusception among infants from March 2008 to March 2009.

The ICD-10 intussusception codes (K56.1, K38.8) were used to identify cases in HES (1995–2009). Incidence trends were calculated using the Office for National Statistics live births and mid-year population estimates as denominator.

We performed probabilistic data linkage to match HES records with BPSU cases, followed by a manual review to confirm the status of matched (and possibly matched) pairs (2008–2009). Capture-recapture methods allowed assessing the accuracy of HES and completeness of both data sources for intussusception. Validated incidence rates in infants were obtained following data linkage.

Results Of 11,259 intussusception records identified in HES and after excluding 2538 (22.5%) duplicates, 8721 (77.5%) cases were retained for trends analysis. A significant decline in background trends was observed predominantly among infants from 86.0/100,000 in 1997 to 34.0/100,000 in 2009 (60% reduction, p = 0.001). Seasonal modelling showed a significant excess of intussusception cases in winter and spring during 1995-2009 (p = 0.001, n = 4957 infants).

Data linkage between 254 intussusception cases in HES and 190 cases previously obtained via the BPSU (2008–2009) resulted in 163 matched pairs. Completeness of reporting was 85.8% for HES (163/190 BPSU cases) compared to 81.5% for BPSU (163/200 HES cases). The positive predictive value of HES was 78.7% (200/254 confirmed cases). The Lincoln-Petersen estimate yielded a total of 233 intussusception cases (95% CI: 227.4 to 238.8). The estimated annual incidence of intussusception among infants in England increased from 24.2/100,000 (unvalidated) to 28.9/100,000 (validated) (2008–2009).

Conclusions Background intussusception trends have declined among infants in England. The high accuracy and completeness of HES for intussusception highlight the usefulness of routinely collected data in monitoring rotavirus vaccine safety in England.

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INITIAL DIAGNOSTIC OUTCOME OF SCREENING FOR CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM AFTER NEWBORN BLOODSPOT SCREENING: A UK SURVEILLANCE STUDY

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Introduction Primary congenital hypothyroidism (CHT) is due to reduced thyroid hormone production. Oral thyroxine therapy commenced soon after birth improves cognitive development and growth. Despite 30 years of newborn screening for CHT in the UK, its success in identifying babies who require lifelong therapy for CHT remains unclear.

Aim To determine, through UK-wide active surveillance, the number and characteristics of children aged ≤5 years diagnosed annually with CHT, detected by screening or after clinical manifestations, and to describe clinical management.

Results During 13 months of surveillance, 704 children with positive screening results were reported by screening laboratories. Local clinicians completed 643 questionnaires (response rate = 91%). An additional 20 children aged <5 years were notified who were not identified through screening, including three diagnosed prior to screening (2 family history, 1 unwell) and 17 with negative screening tests (10 preterm, 5 unwell, 2 Downs syndrome); screening results were untraceable for 2 children. Of 643 screen positive children, 260 (40%) were boys, 130 (20%) were <37 weeks gestation and most were of white or Asian ethnicity (379[59%] and 133[21%] respectively).

Investigations carried out soon after referral demonstrated serum TSH >40 mU/l in 365; in an additional 43 children an abnormal thyroid scan result was associated with serum TSH ≤40 mU/l. Based on the reported initial investigations for 643 children, an expert panel assigned a diagnosis of CHT in 410, excluded CHT in 120 and considered 113 had probable/possible CHT requiring follow-up. The local clinicians commenced 485 children on oral thyroxine, 401 of whom were assigned as having definite CHT by the expert panel. During 12 months of follow up after diagnosis, eleven children died of causes unrelated to CHT.

Conclusion Our findings suggest that the predictive value of a positive screening test is at most 81% (523/643) assuming CHT is confirmed in those with possible CHT as an initial diagnosis. Our data suggest that permanent CHT cannot be confirmed at initial diagnostic investigation in a significant proportion of screen positive babies. Follow up of this cohort is continuing to determine outcome by two years of age.

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PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING SERVICE CHANGE IN CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY NURSING

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Purpose This study aimed to examine the impact of introducing or expanding children's community nursing (CCN) services, and understand the contextual mechanisms that mediate the success of planning and implementing such service change. This paper presents findings about the identified contextual mechanisms: the perceived factors that mediated efforts to plan and implement new or expanded CCN services.

Methods A case study design was used with five health communities in England that had recently, or were in the process of, introducing or expanding their CCN provision. Data were collected through twenty-one longitudinal (time frame), in-depth interviews and 6 focus groups with 41 children's community nurses, managers and commissioners. Interviews and focus groups explored the processes, barriers and facilitators to service change planning and implementation. Documentary evidence was also collected. Data were managed using the Framework approach, and analysed thematically.

Results Service change was implemented as planned in three sites, and partially in one site. Intended change was not achieved in one site. Dedicated finance, medical buy-in of CCN, and (where multiple providers were involved) use of a centralised network, all facilitated the achievement of service change. Competition between providers and NHS reforms made service planning complex and time consuming. An absence of medical support for CCN services, and a lack of commitment from commissioners, prevented intended service change in two sites. Communicating service change was deemed important for integration with, and take up by, other local NHS services. However, CCN team staff struggled to do this alongside care delivery and talked of the need for 'marketing'. Demonstrating value and impact of the new and expanded services was challenged by inadequate data collection systems and inaccessible or overly complex data. Staff were keen to explore ways of measuring quality-based

Conclusions Issues of visibility and acceptability of CCN services appear to pervade the reported difficulties and successes of planning and implementing service change. Implications for care 'closer to home' policy and practice will be discussed.

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TRANSITION FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME: PSYCHOSOCIAL ADAPTATION AND ADJUSTMENT IN PARENTS OF INFANTS WITH SINGLE VENTRICLE HEART CONDITIONS

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Aims The study presented here retrospectively explored psychosocial adaptation and adjustment in parents going home for the first time with their infants following first stage cardiac surgery for single ventricle heart condition.

Methods Parents, all members of Little Hearts Matter (LHM, a UK Congenital Heart Disease Charity) completed an online questionnaire which asked about family demographics, time of diagnosis, location of specialist heart centre, distance from home, discharge information, social support, parents' feelings about going home, confidence and anxiety at the time of discharge (T0) and at the time of completing the questionnaire (T1). A non-experimental survey design was used; the questionnaire was structured so that both parents could answer the questions independently. 62 families with infants aged between 0–2 years were sent an email via LHM inviting them to complete the online

questionnaire during Nov 2012. There were 22 responses (35% response rate) from 6 couples, 15 mothers and 1 father. Care had been received at 11 UK specialist cardiac centres and 1 in Australia.

Results There were no statistically significant differences between demographic data (age, education, ethnicity, employment, living arrangements, household income) when compared against mother's anxiety and confidence at T0 or T1; however mothers living > 100 miles away from the specialist cardiac centre were statistically significantly more anxious at discharge To (p = 0.025) than those living <20 miles away. Mothers whose infant had a hypoplastic left heart were statistically significantly more anxious at discharge than those whose infants had hypoplastic right heart (p = 0.006) as were Fathers with a secondary school education compared to a Bachelor's degree (p = 0.031) at T0 and T1 (p = 0.026). There was a statistically significant difference when comparing mothers' anxiety levels at discharge T0 and T1 (p= < 0.0005) and confidence scores at T0 and T1 (p= < 0.0005) and Fathers' anxiety levels at discharge T0 and T1 (p = < 0.018).

Conclusion This is the first study of its kind to explore parents' psychosocial adaptation and adjustment during the transition from hospital to home following first stage cardiac surgery for single ventricle condition. The study provides new insights into transition for these parents. Implications for practice will be discussed.

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DELIVERING EFFECTIVE NURSING CARE TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL SETTING

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"I have found being able to access care at home, or in a non-hospital setting to be invaluable to improving my health." [Young person participant]

This presentation will provide an overview of an exploratory study that was financed and commissioned by Health England North Central and East London Local Education and Training Board [HE NCEL LETB] and was undertaken by the University of Hertfordshire between February and August 2014.

Research question "What education, preparation and development is required to ensure a workforce of nurses who have the requisite knowledge, skills and professional attributes to meet the healthcare service needs of the CYP [Children and Young People] population in the LETB geography?"

The study focussed on the 'outside of hospital' [OOH] environment, although health visiting and school nursing was excluded. Ethical approval was granted by the University of Hertfordshire.

Methods A mixed methods data collection approach was adopted.

Consultation, by questionnaire, with young people (n = 14) via two established Youth Advisory Panels (National Youth Agency; Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health).

Consultation with nursing staff working in OOH settings in the NCEL area; data was collected via questionnaires sent to the 11 CCN teams (response rate: 64%), and, via individual semistructured interviews with clinical nurses

Consultation with four Higher Education Institute [HEI] providers within the NCEL area; semi-structured interviews with