

Letter to the Editor

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Re: Developmental care – mapping the way forward in the UK: a Bliss initiative

Dear Editor and Bliss

We were pleased to read this article in the May edition of *Infant*, and are delighted that a high profile charity such as Bliss is yet again raising the profile of developmental support care (DSC).

In Glasgow (11,000 births), which has three level III neonatal units and one surgical unit based within Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, we can confidently say that we have embraced and incorporated the concept of development care over the last 13 years.

We thoroughly agree that education has to be the prime focus to ensure the optimal

outcomes for this vulnerable and high risk population. Parallel with this, staff competencies have been supported with ongoing CPD and training. Our Leadership Team have kept abreast of current research and achieved invaluable networking by attending the Gravens Conference in Florida and the European Neonatal Conference.

We have established multi-disciplinary follow-up clinics across all three neonatal sites (medical, nursing, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics, clinical psychology) which enables us to follow-up all our under 32 week gestation babies until seven years. Indeed early figures and results from this long term audit were presented in Florida at the Gravens High Risk Conference in 2006.

We, as a team, would be delighted to collaborate and share our experience and expertise on all aspects of DSC and our follow-up model. At this time within an NHS environment, resources are stretched and it is not always possible to secure

funding to attend meetings. We are hoping BLISS will consider facilitating means by which health professionals in Scotland could engage more with the Bliss Developmental Care Special Interest and Support Group?

A number of years ago, we did work with Bliss at some parent forums and we would welcome the opportunity to resurrect our relationship with Bliss for the benefit of infants and families.

We look forward to progressing this initiative.

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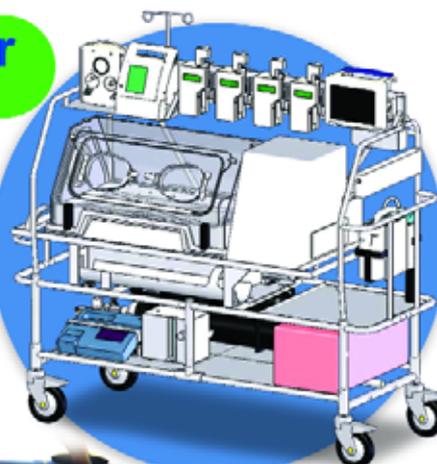
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