

# The Midlands Burn Care Network Newsletter



Issue 1

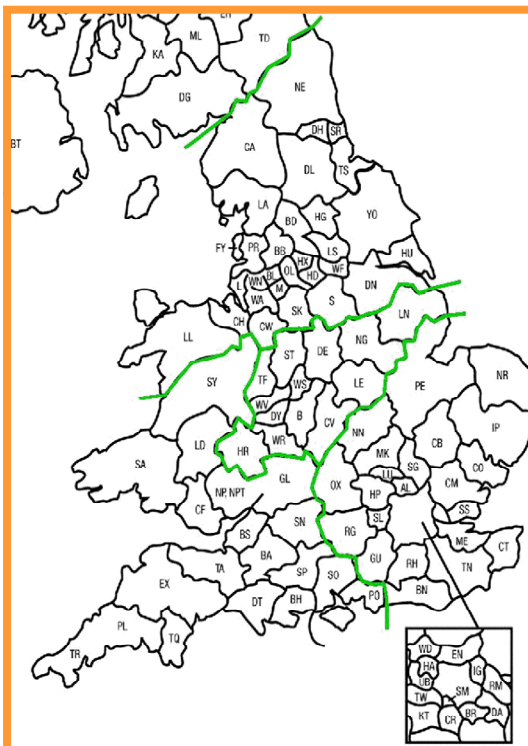
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## Introduction by Naiem Moiemem, Lead Clinician

The National Burn Care Group, a sub-committee of the National Specialised Commissioning Group, was charged in 2003 with improving and developing burns care nationally. As a result four regional Networks have been created: the Midlands, London and South East, South West and South Wales and Northern (including North Wales).

The Midlands Network cares for a population of over 10 million people and is serviced by four providers: University Hospital Birmingham, Birmingham Children's Hospital (Burns Centres for adults and children), Nottingham University Hospital (Burns Unit for adults and children) and University Hospitals of Leicester (Burns facility for adults and children).

Now that the structure of the Midlands Network is in place we are working together to improve burns care for our patients in the region. Our



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current priority is to ensure our patients reach the best service quickly and safely and as close to home as possible. To meet this challenge we are

putting forward a transfer policy for the Network (see over page). It is only with your comments and feedback that we shall be able to produce the best policy to achieve our objectives.

### Burn Care Standards

Following the burn care review (2000) a set of burn care standards had been devised which the majority of burn services were peer reviewed against. These have recently been reviewed and a revised set of standards have now been published.

Nationally the plan is that all burn networks and burn services will be peer reviewed over the next few years against the revised standards and the scores entered into the national burn injury data base.

Within the Midlands we plan to self audit all our burn services this year and continue to regularly review the progress of the whole Network against a standard at each audit meeting. [Jane.leaver@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:Jane.leaver@bcu.ac.uk)

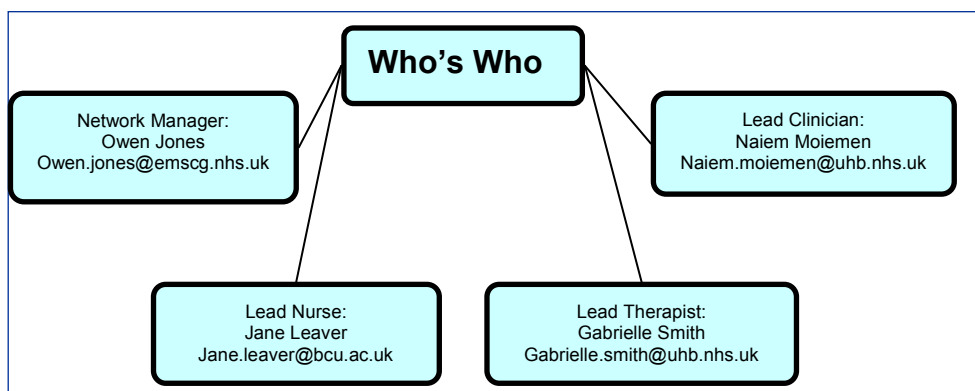
### Diary

8 June 09  
*Minor Burn Workshop Nottingham*

6 July 09  
*Midland Burn Care Network Meeting Birmingham*

13 July 09  
*Network Audit Meeting, Nottingham*

23 October 09  
*Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) Course Birmingham*



### Contact us:

We hope you have found our first issue to be of interest and we should very much like to hear from you. In the first instance Please contact:

Owen Jones, Midlands Network Manager on 0116 295 0880

## Burn Service Thresholds

Nationally for paediatrics and locally for adults, thresholds have been agreed as to where patients would be most appropriately treated depending on the complexity of their burn. The flow charts below detail where patients should be treated and the relevant contact numbers.

However if unsure contact your nearest burns service for advice

