



## Autumn Edition - Oct, Nov, Dec

### Introduction

“Thank you for taking the time to read our latest publication. We have enjoyed introducing this regular bulletin for our device patients and hope you enjoy it” Nicola Chalk – Chief Physiologist - Devices Lead.

## 2019

### Staff News

- A new member of Staff; Terry, has joined our Cardiology Department from Kings Mill hospital in Mansfield. He will initially, mainly be involved in device implants and cardiac angiography in theatres. However, we hope to see him in the CRM clinics too going forwards.

### Technology News

- A few members of the CRM team will be attending a national rhythm management conference in Birmingham at the ICC in October 2019. This should help keep the staff members up to date with new guidelines and developments within the world of devices. It will also allow the CRM team opportunities to meet with various device providers from the rhythm management industry and view some new potential products.

### Press Releases

- We are not aware of any press releases within the implantable cardiac device world to inform you of.

### Service News

#### *Keeping us busy.....*

For the first half of 2019 (January— June) we have followed up a total of 3754 Implantable Cardiac Devices. These include:

**2802** Pacemakers (PPMs)

**464** Implantable Loop Recorders (ILRs) and;

**488** Cardiac Resynchronisation Devices (CRTPs)

These are also commonly referred to as biventricular devices.

We run at least one clinic every working day. Sometimes, we have multiple clinics in progress at the same time.

All of our staff have regular training and the support of Dr Venables, our lead devices consultant at weekly “patient case discussion” meetings.

We are proud of our team’s many years of experience and have numerous members of staff with nationally recognised accreditation.

In addition to the clinics that we run. We also provide daily technical support to the hospital for patients undergoing surgical procedures where device management advice is needed. For this we carry a in hospital pacing mobile and always have our email account open too. We are a tad busy!



### CRM Support Group

The fourth CRM Support Group meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 4th September. This was really well attended (approx. 40 patients and relatives)

We were really lucky to welcome “Medtronic” to this session. Medtronic are one of the pacemaker manufacturing companies. They brought in specialist demo equipment to allow attendees to understand what we do when we check a device (using a dummy pacemaker on a programmer).

Staff present included; myself (Nicola Chalk) Devices lead, Josh Mundy (STP Trainee) and Stephen Clarke from Medtronic.

Ample (free) tea/coffee and cake was provided by one of the Pacemakers Manufactures. The carpark team also issued more passes. This allowed any patients attending this group to park free of charge for the meeting. Forthcoming meeting dates are shown below.

### CRM on the Web

The CRM webpage is still up and running. You can access this to obtain useful information, including answers to frequently asked questions. All our quarterly newsletters will also be published here.

The webpage address is:

<https://www.esneft.nhs.uk/service/heart/ipswich-cardiac-rhythm-management-crm/>

### Help us, to help you

Is there anything else you'd be keen to learn more about in future editions of this Newsletter?

If yes; Please let us know.

Write to us at :

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Hope you've found this informative.

### CRM Support Group

The CRM team offer a patient and relative support group which we hope to run at regular intervals at Ipswich Hospital which was established at the end of 2018.

#### The dates/times of our next meetings are:

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019 18:00-19:30*

Heartbeat (the patient charity group) support our new CRM group and will also be publicizing when the dates of meetings in their magazine.

For more information please contact Nicola Chalk on 01473 703685

For **RSVP's only**; email [chu-ftp.crm.supportgroup@nhs.net](mailto:chu-ftp.crm.supportgroup@nhs.net) stating that you'd like to attend.