



South Wales and South West  
**Congenital Heart  
Disease Network**

# Audit Programme

2017/18



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## Audit requirements

The NHS England Service Specification and Standards 2016 states that Networks should have a Governance Framework in place which includes arrangements for:

- Regular continuous clinical **audit and quality improvement**
- Regular **audit days** including discussion of adverse events and resultant action plans
- Regular network meetings of the wider clinical team (including patient representatives) at least every 6 months, for issues such as agreement of protocols, **review of audit data** and monitoring of performance.

The Congenital Heart Network will:

- produce annual audit and governance reports covering ACHD services.

All centres in the Network must (Section F of the standards)

- must demonstrate a **robust policy for collaboration with each other and with NHS commissioners for audit**, including formal inter-unit peer review every five years.
- All clinical teams within the Congenital Heart Network will operate within a robust and documented clinical governance framework that includes:
  - regular **continuous network clinical audit** and quality improvement;
  - regular **meetings of the wider network clinical team** (in which network patient representatives will be invited to participate) held at least every six months to discuss patient care pathways, guidelines and protocols, review of audit data and monitoring of performance;
- participate in **audits of clinical practice** where recognised standards exist or improvements can be made. Participation in a programme of ongoing audit of clinical practice must be documented. **At least one audit of clinical practice (or more if required by NHS commissioners) of demonstrable clinical significance will be undertaken annually.**
- Audits must **take into account or link with similar audits across the network**, other networks and other related specialties.
- participate in **national programmes for audit** and must submit data on all interventions, surgery, electrophysiological procedures and endocarditis to the national congenital database in the National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR); including any emerging data requirements for **morbidity audit**.

## CHD Network South Wales and South West rolling audit programme – 2017/2018

No	Name	Key objectives	Expected finish date	Lead clinician	Presented to Network
1	Endocarditis prevention advice	<p>To assess the compliance with providing clear and consistent information regarding endocarditis prevention in the cardiology clinic letters to patients at risk of developing endocarditis.</p> <p>To assess the compliance with providing clear and consistent information regarding endocarditis prevention in the cardiology clinic letters to patients at risk of developing endocarditis</p>	August 2017	Dr A Arend	Sept 2017
2	ACHD Standards	Level 3 centre: To assess local compliance with ACHD Out Patient follow up vs. guidance in recently distributed Network Standards	May 2017	Dr C Carey	TBC
3	Fetal anomaly screening	<p>To assess the current standards/detection rate for fetal cardiac anomaly scanning (18-20+<sup>^</sup> week scan) in the South West region for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TGA</li> <li>• TOF</li> <li>• HHS</li> <li>• Complete AVSD</li> </ul> <p>(National standard is greater than 50%) Once standards are known to look at ways to improve them with support with training/technology</p>	August 2018 (Repeat annually).	Dr H Liversedge	TBC
4	Audit of transition between paediatric and adult CHD services	<p>The aim of this audit is to improve the quality of transfer of care from Paediatric to Adult Congenital Cardiology Services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring that patients are seen in a timely manner and at an appropriate age when transferred; and</li> <li>• ensuring that there is good quality of information transfer between paediatric and adult services across the service and examining the areas of disparity.</li> </ul>	June 2018	Dr S Curtis	TBC
5	Audit of new referrals to cardiac clinic 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand indications for referrals from different sources</li> <li>• To use findings to inform efficient use of resource</li> </ul>		Dr O Elmasry	March 2018