

TORBAY HOSPITAL - A LOCAL ACHD CENTRE?

2014
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2018

Torbay – Personnel Changes

2014

- Consultant Cardiologist c. interest
 - 25 clinic/yr, echo support
 - All (?) referrals
 - Joint Clinic 4d/yr
- ACHD Nurse time
 - Arrhythmia Nurse
- Paediatric Consultant c. interest

2018

- Successor in post (CAB)
 - Clinics up to date
- Nurse now part-time
 - Oversees Transition
- PEC has emigrated
 - no successor

'Local ACHD Centre' - Requirements

- **Echocardiography**

- 'Cardiac physiologist with training in congenital echo'
 - BUT no formal exam in Echo ACHD
- 4 of 5 BSE accredited team 'trained by experience'
- 1 trained ACHD and Paeds, new to UK, BSE 50%
- No PEC ... can use Paeds echo machine ... every cloud ..

- **Psychology**

- 'experienced in care of paediatric cardiac patients'
- No – but great local team who ask Q's and deliver

- **EoLC**

- 'further in depth training': HF EoLC Project ongoing

Torbay – IT – no change

- Images
 - Echos still not on PACS, no prospect
 - BUT good Radiology liaison, quick upload
- Database
 - Access DB, not up to date, idiosyncratic, out of date
 - No progress
- Connection to HeartSuite at BRI ?
 - Dongle ?
 - No news
- Telemedicine/teleconference
 - In Paediatrics

Torbay – O&S - no change

- Learning Disabilities Liaison – strong, effective
- Cardiac Rehabilitation – strong, keen to help
- Wi-Fi available
- Parking
 - (Least said, the better ...)

Summary: **TORBAY 2014-2018**

- Personnel remain key
 - Local Consultant determines service (cf PEC)
 - do not disenfranchise colleagues
 - track progress–outcomes for all OOH referrals
 - ACHD Nurse availability and expertise
- Echocardiographers
- Obstetrics, Cardiac Rehab, Psychology, LD - willing
- IT ... Heart Suite .. ?
- **AUDIT** – Does follow-up adhere to guidelines ?

