

South Wales and South West CHD Network Quarterly Report

Network	South Wales and the South West Congenital Heart Disease Network		
Services covered	All CHD services in South Wales and South West		
Network Core Team	Cat McElvaney (Network Manager), Andy Tometzki (Network Clinical Director), Sheena Vernon (Network Lead Nurse)		
Reporting period:	Quarter 2(Jul- Sept 2020)	Overall Status:	AMBER

Key Objective of the Network

The Network brings together clinicians, managers, patient/family representatives and commissioners from across South Wales and the South West, to work together to support patients of all ages with a congenital heart condition, and their families/carers .

Main achievements in this reporting period (Q2: Jul-Sept 2020):

Clinical

- Network wide annual Mortality and Morbidity session held virtually with over 25 attendees, very positively evaluated.
- Launched the Advanced Care Clinic for adult patients with complex congenital heart disease in September. Future evaluation of the service planned.
- Cardiac Physiologists led ECHO clinic launched in Truro, similar service being planned at BRHC.
- Survey conducted to understand current standard of discharge communications for PECs from level 1 centre. Discharge SOP in progress.
- Review of Paediatric CHD clinical service in Truro to support peripheral clinic provision by level 1 centre.
- Improved access to level 1 paediatric CHD joint cardiac conference (MDT meeting) for network clinicians to join virtually.
- Commenced work on reviewing the fetal cardiac handbook.
- Planning with level 1 centre for improving transition provision across the network.
- Supporting the development of the ACHD service in Truro following recent recruitment of ACHD consultant to the service.

Business

- Successful appointment of Network Lead Nurse (0.3WTE) to work alongside existing network lead nurse who has reduced hours following a retire and return.
- Network Annual Report 2019/20 published.
- Virtual network board held in Sept. with over 25 participants, which was positively evaluated.
- Survey on restoration of CHD activity and new ways of working across the network conducted and submitted to network board.
- Work in collaboration with PIC network to support with winter planning across the region.
- Escalation to ensure the final approval for the phase 2 business case for developing the ACHD service in Wales and meeting the CHD standards. Business case now approved.
- Continue to lead National CHD network monthly calls, set up to allow rapid dissemination of information, discussion of clinical cases and shared learning during covid-19 period.
- Monthly reporting of CHD waiting list for surgery and interventions to NHS England nationally and regionally.
- Developed virtual platform (Future platforms) site to enable hosting and sharing of network education packages for eg. Fetal cardiology
- Supported centres to use virtual technology to deliver outpatient appointments and MDTs.
- New ways of working; Network report submitted to National team and presentation delivered at Network Board by ACHD Level 1 to share learning and best practice.

- Continued work with newly established networks in South West and other developing CHD networks.
- Commenced work with NHS England and level 1 centre on understanding current peripheral clinic model provision for CHD and other specialities.
- Set up of national CHD network manager's forum to enable shared learning and collaborative working on similar challenges and projects.

Education and research

- Study day held for Paediatrician with Expertise in Cardiology across the network with a focus on single ventricle. Very well attended and positively evaluated.
- Fetal Cardiology webinar series launched- with over 90 people registered including clinicians from international centres.
- Virtual sonographer training session for district general hospitals delivered by fetal cardiology team to help improve rates of antenatal detection of CHD.
- Paediatric Cardiac Handbook developed for ward areas, to be rolled out across network.
- Continued with monthly bitesize education initiative "Lesion of the month" for all clinical nurse specialists and link nurses across the network.
- Commenced planning for annual psychology virtual event in Feb. 2021.
- Review and update of COVID-19 webpages for patients, families and staff.

Communications and Engagement

- Adult CHD CNS survey conducted on patient experience. To be rolled out to Paediatric CHD and level 2 centres.
- Patient representative's session held to discuss role and prepare for network board.
- Commenced work on virtual young person's evening and tour of the Bristol Heart Institution.
- Youth at Work support and promotion of virtual patient engagement events.

Planned Progress for next quarter (Q3: Oct-Dec 2020)

- 18th Annual ACHD study day to be held virtually in October.
- CHD Network 2021/22 priority setting workshops to be held with network board members.
- Quarterly report to and attendance at inaugural NHS England South West Women & Children's programme board in November.
- Continue to support centres with their CHD recovery plans. Capture CHD surgical and interventional waiting list information, % CHD activity restoration and escalated issues or risks on behalf of NHS England.
- Finalise plan for level 1 paediatric centre with for provision of transition clinics in peripheral areas.
- Draft 5 year strategy for the CHD network to be reviewed at Network Board in Dec. 2020 (virtual) for approval.
- Relaunch self-assessment and engagement visits (virtual) with level 3 centres in the network.
- Complete development work on performance dashboard and implement for network.
- Launch CHD Nurse Competencies across the network.
- Draft scoping document for work on peripheral clinic provision, to include current state diagnosis.
- Finalise key SOPs currently in progress (Discharge SOP and joint fetal pathway).
- Continue to work with WHSSC on adoption of CHD standards in South Wales.
- Autumn CHD network newsletter to be published.
- Launch of Youth workers "Cuppa & Catch up" online sessions for young people.

Risks*	
Title	Mitigating Actions
COVID-19: there are a number of clinical risks due to delayed appointments and procedures for CHD patients across the network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All network members have been asked to escalate any significant clinical risks to the network and within their organisations. All centres have been requested to regularly review and triage their waiting lists • Development of restoration plans for CHD activity – linking in with PIC restoration plans
Image sharing continues to be an issue across the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of workarounds to this issue that are specific to each centre
* please note that the CHD network holds a comprehensive risk register on the UH Bristol datix system which is reviewed by network board quarterly and is available on request	