

Standard Operating Procedure

REFERRAL TO ADVANCED HEART FAILURE AND CARDIAC TRANSPLANT SERVICES

SETTING Paediatric Cardiac Services, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

FOR STAFF Consultant paediatric cardiologists and intensivists who wish to refer a

patient for advanced heart failure and cardiac transplant services

PATIENTS Paediatrics

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

If a patient is deemed to require referral for advanced heart failure and cardiac transplant services, then there will be a discussion within the MDT, either at the twice weekly cardiac conference, or at a quorate ad hoc bedside conference in the event of an urgent need.

A lead consultant will be identified for the case, who has had contact with the family/carers of the patient.

They will be informed of the decision (if not present at the JCC) and be asked to take forward the referral process.

In the event of the named consultant being absent, then the consultant of the week will take forward the referral process, copying in the lead consultants for that patient.

The referral will be made to either Great Ormond Street Hospital or Freeman Hospital Newcastle, using the standard referral protocol.

All discussions, assessments and advice given should be recorded in Evolve, Heartsuite and should be recorded in the clinical notes.

All health professionals involved in the patients care must be informed of the plans for referral.

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QUERIES

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