Standard Operating Procedure REFERRAL TO NATIONAL PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICE

- SETTING Paediatric Cardiac Services, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
- **FOR STAFF** Consultant paediatricians or cardiologists who wish to refer a patient to the National Pulmonary Hypertension service (NPHS)
- **PATIENTS** Paediatrics

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

A known patient of the NPHS might contact the hospital for advice or for medical care.

- Professor Tulloh should be contacted by phone (as below) in the first instance
- If he is not available, then Great Ormond Street Hospital should be contacted for children and Hammersmith Hospital should be contacted for adults

If a new patient needs to be referred to the NPHS:

- Information (full history, investigation results) needs to be obtained relevant to the patient
- Referral should be made direct to Professor Tulloh by telephone
- If he is not available, then Great Ormond Street Hospital should be contacted for children and Hammersmith Hospital should be contacted for adults
- If it is an elective referral and not urgent, then written referral should be made to Professor Tulloh, including patient demographic detail and GP.
- A guideline on initial investigations to be undertaken (available on the hospital DMS).
- However, it is important that referral is not delayed whilst waiting for the results of investigations.

All discussions, assessments and advice given should be recorded in Evolve or Heartsuite.

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