

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 3 (Oct- Dec 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 (Q3: Oct-Dec 2020):

Clinical

- Joint fetal pathway between Bristol and Wales approved with aim to evaluate 6-12 months post implementation.
- Paediatric guidelines for Fontan's and Coarctation of the Aorta drafted for review
- Transfer and repatriation policy drafted and approved by Network Clinical Governance Group
- Plan for Fontan's Clinic (complex CHD patients) for BHI in development
- Improved discharge process from paediatric level 1 service presented at Network board
- Engagement exercise with peripheral centres to recruit into pilot project for improving transition across the network.
- Network Clinical Governance group held in December with over 20 joining- session included sharing audit projects, signing off network guidelines and protocols and updates on progress with virtual training and education.
- Continued support with establishment of new consultant post for ACHD service in Truro

Business

- Continue to support centres with their CHD recovery plans. Monthly reporting of CHD surgical and interventional waiting list information, % CHD activity restoration and escalated issues or risks to NHS England.
- 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 period
- Quarterly reporting to inaugural NHS England South West Women & Children's programme board in November.
- Network Autumn Newsletter published and distributed across network and further afield
- Virtual Network board with over 25 attendees; demonstrated new network performance dashboard, launched nurse competencies and presented proposal for new Fontan's clinic
- Briefing paper and presentation to Welsh Specialised Services to gain agreement to adopt CHD standards across Wales. Positively received and agreed in principle.
- Continued work with newly established networks in South West and other developing CHD networks.
- Initial scoping stage with NHS England and level 1 centre on understanding current peripheral clinic model provision for CHD.
- Hosted first national CHD network manager's forum to enable shared learning and collaborative working on similar challenges and projects.
- CHD Network 2021/22 priority setting workshops held with network board members.
- New and improved Outpatient Performance dashboard finalised for launch in January 2021.

Education and research

- 18th Annual ACHD study day held virtually in October with over 90 delegates from across the region.
- Fetal Cardiology webinar series continues - with 130 people registered including clinicians from international centres.
- Nurse competencies for level 3 nurses presented at Network Board and due to be launched across network from February.
- "Meet and Greet" virtual event held for all Cardiac Physiologists across network to discuss current service provision, share learning and highlight training and education needs.
- Continued with monthly bitesize education initiative "Lesion of the month" for all clinical nurse specialists and link nurses across the network.
- Planning underway for Annual Network Psychology virtual event in February 2021
- Planning underway for cardiac nurse education event (level 3), and level 1&2 CNS event in February 2021.
- Webinar series being developed for cardiac nurses (aimed at level 3) – survey conducted to determine topics of interest.
- Paediatric Cardiac handbook for nursing staff being finalised to be launched in February.

Communications and Engagement

- Patient and family support webinars launched by psychology team for network wide access
- Patient experience of virtual consultation survey conducted by Welsh Adult CHD CNS team and presented at Clinical Governance Group
- Listening event for Gloucester families hosted by BRHC, well attended and very positively received.
- Out of hours support session set up by Youth worker on a regular basis

Planned Progress for next quarter (Q4: Jan-Mar 2020)

- Host weekly National CHD network calls to respond to increased Covid pressure in system
- Finalise workplan for 2021/22 for submission to NHS England in February and presentation to Network Board in March.
- Recruitment of new Chair for the Network Board
- Plan self-assessment and engagement visits (virtual) with level 3 centres in South Wales from April onwards
- Support WHSSC with development of CHD service specification for Wales based on NHS England standards.
- Review current self-assessment process within network with aim of streamlining and standardising.
- Commence development work on inpatient performance dashboard.
- Launch CHD Nurse Competencies across the network.
- Set up network meeting to discuss approach and management of ICC within CHD network.
- Set up project team and launch project on peripheral clinic provision
- Finalise key SOPs currently in progress (Fontans, Coarctation of Aorta).
- Spring CHD network newsletter to be drafted and published by end of March
- Hold Network Psychology study day, and progress plans for Echo study day

Risks*

Title	Mitigating Actions
COVID-19: there are a number of clinical risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All network members have been asked to

due to delayed appointments and procedures for CHD patients across the network	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of restoration plans for CHD activity – linking in with PIC restoration plans
COVID-19: Risk to delivery of CHD Network workplan as network nurses redeployed to support clinical workload during covid peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Workplan has been reprioritised to reflect reduction in capacity of the team
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
<p>* 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</p>	