

New congenital heart disease review

Report for the
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Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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The “new CHD review”

The review is designed to ensure that NHS England:

- secures the best outcomes for all patients (not just lowest mortality);
- tackles variation; and
- improves patient experience.

Purpose

The purpose of the consultation is to consult on whether these are the right standards to deliver these outcomes.



Objectives

The new CHD review has six objectives:

1. Develop best practice standards
2. Analyse current and future demand for services
3. Make recommendations on function, form and capacity of services needed
4. Make recommendations on the commissioning and change management approach
5. Establish a system for the provision of information about the performance of CHD services
6. Improve antenatal and neonatal detection rates.

Standards

Our standards cover all aspects of running a service with the aim of improving care.

For the first time there will be:

- a single set of standards and specifications for children and adults
- a single national commissioner (NHS England) for congenital heart services.



Areas covered

- Section A: The network approach
- Section B: Staffing and skills
- Section C: Facilities
- Section D: Interdependencies
- Section E: Training and education
- Section F: Organisation, governance and audit
- Section G: Research
- Section H: Communication with patients
- Section I: Transition
- Section J: Pregnancy and contraception
- Section K: Fetal diagnosis
- Section L: Palliative care and bereavement
- Section M: Dental

What next ?

The Consultation is due to run until the middle of December 2014.

The aim is to have approved standards and specifications by March 2015.

Once agreed all providers will be expected to meet the standards.

A national process will be implemented to commission the changes during 2015/16.

It is likely that the changes will take several years to action.



Further Engagement

Members are invited to

- access all of the consultation materials on the website:

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/congenital-heart-disease-standards>

- comment on whether these standards will deliver the outcomes described.

Thank you

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