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Re: Peer Review of Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks

We are writing to advise you that on 10 July 2014 the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CF Trust), British Paediatric Respiratory Society and British Thoracic Society facilitated a peer review of the paediatric CF service at Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks. The Peer Review panel*, made up of a selection of specialists in CF from multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) around the UK and a specialist commissioner, supported by the CF Trust's Head of Clinical Programmes, Lynne O'Grady conducted a review of all aspects of the service provided by Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks. The purpose is to support and facilitate improvements in the delivery of CF specialist care at CF Specialist Centres, like yours at Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks. A thorough review of clinical and business activities relating to the delivery of care for those of attending the service is carried out and a report of findings is published for the commissioner, hospital management, the CF team, patients and carers. The peer review final report is signed off by the Peer Review panel, Peer Review Oversight Board (PROB) and the Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks MDT.

You can access this report on the CF Trust website at:

<http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/peer-reviews>

We would particularly like to thank you if you responded to the Peer Review questionnaire, took part in telephone interviews conducted by the Cystic Fibrosis Trusts' Care Advisers, Sophie Lewis or Dominic Kavanagh, or gave face to face feedback to the Peer Review panel on the Peer Review day. Patients' feedback is so important in helping provide evidence for the need for change or development to a CF service and to highlight good practice.

We think that it is important that you are aware of what a CF service peer review entails and its value. The peer review is planned months in advance of peer review day, with the cooperation of the CF service and it's MDT, represented by consultants, clinical nurse specialists, physiotherapists, dietitians, pharmacists, psychologists and social workers. The same disciplines are represented in a peer review panel who contact the CF MDT prior to peer review day, to learn about the standard of care provided by each discipline. All members of the peer review panel share their findings with each other via teleconference meetings facilitated by the CF Trust, in the lead up to peer review day. Hospital management and the CF service commissioner are also represented. This is important, as peer review is now mandatory and is a tool used in the commissioning process of suitable NHS providers of CF services. Anonymised patient clinical data from the CF Registry held by the CF Trust and managed by Elaine Gunn, Registry Manager, is used in the peer review, along with the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's 'Standards of Care (2011)' consensus document, to help measure quality of service provision at your CF specialist centre.

The whole peer review process is monitored and reported upon annually by the Director of Research and Care, Dr Janet Allen and Head of Clinical Programmes, Lynne O'Grady to the PROB, which consists of the following representatives:

- NHS CF Specialist Commissioner (chair)

- British Thoracic Society representative
- British Paediatric Respiratory Society representative
- CF patient
- CF parent
- 2 Allied Health Professionals nominated by the UK CF Specialist Interest Groups (nursing, physiotherapy, dietetics, psychosocial, pharmacy)

*The panel for Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks peer review consisted of:

Dr Tim Lee*	Consultant
Nanna Christiansen	Pharmacist
Michele Puckey	CF Specialist Psychologist
Denise Sheehan	CF Clinical Nurse
Marie Creedon	Principal CF Dietitian
Rosemary Ball	CF Specialist Physiotherapist
Claire Oliver	Social Worker
Sarah Freeman	Commissioning
Sophie Lewis	Clinical Care Adviser
Dominic Kavanagh	Clinical Care Adviser
Lynne O'Grady	Head of Clinical Programmes

*Clinical lead for peer review panel

The peer review report was published on the CF Trust website on 28 January 2015 for public perusal and use by commissioners and hospital management. An action plan will be put into place between Birmingham Children's Hospital and shared care networks MDT and the commissioners and management to follow the recommendations within this report.

We at the CF Trust are always keen to hear from people like you who attend the specialist CF centres around the UK. We are also happy to answer any concerns and or queries you may have about the peer review process.

If you have any questions about the peer review process, please contact, CF Trust Helpline – tel. 0300 373 1000, email helpline@cysticfibrosis.org.uk or by letter to:

Helpline/Enquiries, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, 11 London Road, Bromley, BR1 1BY

Yours sincerely

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