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Associated Documents:

1. NWCHDN_23_Paediatric Congenital Heart Disease Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Meeting Standard Operating Procedure
2. NWCHDN_24_Paediatric Congenital Heart Disease Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Terms of Reference

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Safe Management of Paediatric Cardiac Surgical and Paediatric Cardiac Interventional Waiting Lists

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Safe Waiting List Management

This guidance relates to the safe management of patients on the waiting list for paediatric cardiac surgery or paediatric intervention at the Level 1 centre. Please to refer to the Document NWCHDN_23 Paediatric Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Multidisciplinary (MDT) Standard Operating Procedure and guidance on cardiac catheterisation for details around the process for discussion and listing. Note that patients are prioritised in according with the national Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) classification P codes. Note these are rough guidance and are not entirely suited to CHD practice. Further detail around planned timing of surgery or intervention and should be documented in the summary sheet by the consultant completing the form at the time of the MDT discussion.

Table 1: Waiting List Priority according to Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) Classification

< 1 month	P2
< 3 months	P3
>3 months (delay 3 months possible)	P4
Patient wishes to postpone surgery because of COVID-19 concerns	P5
Patient wishes to postpone surgery due to non COVID-19 concerns	P6

Listing Meetings

Both teams hold weekly listing meetings to review the waiting list and list patients for a provisional date for their procedure. Following this meeting the PCO team make arrangements for pre-admission review and will contact the family.

Raising a Clinical Concern About a Patient on the Waiting List

For a minority of patients listed for a planned procedure their clinical status may deteriorate or things may change the diagnosis or modify plan for surgery. Please complete a clinical urgency form with the patient details and send to: ahc-tr.cardiology@nhs.net.

For urgent concerns this should be accompanied by a phone call to the cardiology consultant on call available via the Alder Hey switchboard. Please note that the email will not be monitored out of hours and over weekends and you should contact the on-call Registrar or Consultant available via switch board 0151 228 4811.



The Clinical Urgency Update Form can be downloaded directly from the North West CHD Network Website via the link below.

[Clinical Guidelines and Useful information | Northwest, North Wales, Isle of Man Congenital Heart Network \(northwestchdnetwork.nhs.uk\)](http://northwestchdnetwork.nhs.uk)

Concerns Raised by Parents

Parents raising concerns about the timing of the planned procedure or with any clinical concerns, questions or queries should be directed to the relevant specialist nursing team. They will seek further advice from the lead consultant if required.

Contact Details of The Cardiac Nurse Specialists

RMCH Helpline
0161 701 0664

Alder Hey Helpline
0151 252 5291

The telephone numbers for the Nurse Specialists can also be found at:

[Contact Us | Northwest, North Wales, Isle of Man Congenital Heart Network \(northwestchdnetwork.nhs.uk\)](http://northwestchdnetwork.nhs.uk)

Appendix 1:

Clinical Urgency Update Form For patients awaiting Cardiac Surgery or Intervention at Alder Hey

Name	
DOB	
NHS Number	
Diagnosis	
Planned Surgery or Intervention	
Is patient currently fit for surgery / intervention	
Any active signs of infection?	
Date on Waiting List	
Category 2 (< 2 weeks) <input type="checkbox"/> Category 4 (< 4 months) <input type="checkbox"/> Category 3 (< 6 weeks) <input type="checkbox"/> Category 5 (< 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Clinical Concerns (eg observations, feeding/growth concerns etc)	

Please email this form to ahc-tr.cardiology@nhs.net for review by the consultant of the week and the surgical team (please call the on call team at the weekend or out of hours)

