

## South Wales and South West CHD Network Quarterly Report

<b>Network</b>	South Wales and the South West Congenital Heart Disease Network		
<b>Services covered</b>	All CHD services in South Wales and South West England		
<b>Network Core Team</b>	Michelle Jarvis (Manager), Stephanie Curtis (Clinical Director), Jess Hughes / Sheena Vernon (Lead Nurse), Rachel Burrows (Support Manager)		
<b>Reporting period:</b>	Q4 (Jan-March 2024)	<b>Overall Status:</b>	Green

**Key Objective of the Network:** The Network brings together clinicians, managers, patient/family representatives and commissioners from across South Wales and the South West of England, to work together to support patients of all ages with a congenital heart condition, and their families/carers.

### Main achievements in this reporting period (Q4: Jan-March 2024):

#### Clinical

- Successful joint initiative between Bristol and Cardiff to monitor paediatric delays in transfer, meeting with WHSSC, Cardiff and the team to discuss the findings.
- Three M&M cases discussed at the Network M&M (Jan) following feedback for extended discussion time.
- BHI ACHD interventional waiting times group continuing.
- Quarterly ECHO issues task and finish group met, focussing on education and future strategic direction and support for physiologist workforce.
- Task and finish group met to address transfer of care and lost to follow-up between paediatric and adult services focussing on audit of LTFU, patient information, pathway scoping, guideline, forms for transfer of patient.

#### Business and Governance

- New Network Board Chair recruited and commenced in post at the end of January 2024.
- Recruitment process started for Network Lead Nurse.
- Joint Cardiac Network Board with Bristol senior management and clinical leads (Jan).
- Commenced the planning and scheduling for the South West Self-Assessment Review Meetings.
- ACHD 'gang' communication forum held with level 3 ACHD consultants.
- Finalised Plan on a Page for 2024/25 Network workplan, signed off by Board.
- Network Board (Jan) – focussed on psychology, performance reporting, network T&F groups/projects, service updates, and patient story.
- Collected data from CHD services (both adults and paediatrics) across the Network and populated the 2023/24 performance dashboard ready for review at the Network Board.
- Reported CHD surgical and interventional waiting list information, % CHD activity restoration and escalated issues or risks to NHS England nationally at monthly national meetings.

#### Education and research

- Commenced the new ACHD ECHO webinar series 2024, with excellent attendance and feedback.
- Organised and hosted the Level 1 and 2 Clinical Nurse Specialist Away Day in Bristol (Feb).
- Network link nurse (level 3) virtual sessions held bi-monthly to enable shared learning and best practice. Offered 1:1 support meets with Network Lead Nurses.
- Held BRHC link nurse meetings.
- Continued with monthly bitesize education initiative "Lesion of the month" for all clinical nurse specialists and link nurses across the network.
- Network Research update presented at the Network Board

### **Communications and Engagement**

- Held CHD Charities and Support Group meeting.
- Patient reps - Board pre-meetings and debriefs involving new patient reps.
- Attended the National Patient Involvement Meeting (Leicester) with CHD Networks around the country.
- Ran the network staff photo competition with the theme 'in bloom across the network' as a wellbeing initiative and to signpost to the network website and newsletter.
- Supported the Listening event for Gloucester families with BRHC.
- Supported the South Wales ACHD patient information event in Bridgend – organised by the ACHD CNS team.
- Attended the South West Clinical Networks ICB Engagement Event in Exeter.

### **Planned Progress for next quarter (Q1: April-June 2024)**

- Appoint CHD Network Lead Nurse
- Host bi-annual network Adult & Paediatric CHD Clinical Nurse Specialist Away Day in Cardiff
- Publish Network Spring Newsletter
- Produce the 2023/24 Annual Report
- Carry out the South West Self Assessment Review meetings.
- Continue to work with commissioners, providers and leads regionally and nationally to address service capacity issues associated with delays to elective recovery.
- Network Clinical Governance and Network Board meetings to be held in April