

Where to go for specialist care



The NHS GUCH Guide published in May 2006 states a requirement that:

“All adults with congenital heart disease whatever the level of complexity are seen by an expert from a specialist centre at least once and receive a written care plan.”

These experts, or Specialist GUCH Cardiologists, can be found at a Specialist GUCH Centre (see list of Specialist Centres). Once under a specialist, it may well be the case that your care can be organised in a Local GUCH Centre but that will be part of the written care plan and determined by the specialist.

I was operated on when I was a child but haven't been seen as an adult. Should I see someone?

Under the requirement you should be seen by an expert. Talk to your GP and ask them to refer you to one of the Specialist GUCH Centres listed. GUCH medicine is specialised and not many GPs would be aware of where the specialist centres are located so show them this if they are in doubt. It is no good being referred to a general cardiologist.

I am being seen by a cardiologist but not at one of the centres listed. What should I do?

It would be sensible to check that the person under whose care you are comes from one of the Specialist GUCH Centres. Often Specialist GUCH Cardiologists will hold clinics in other hospitals which are called Local GUCH Centres. At your next appointment ask whether they are from one of the Specialist GUCH Centres listed or telephone your nearest centre and ask them whether the Cardiologist you see is from there.

What if my GP says they can't send me to one of the Specialist Centres listed here?

It is the right of a patient in the NHS to have the treatment they deserve if that treatment is available. The principle of patient choice exists to allow you to choose where to have your care. Remind your GP of those points and if you still have a problem contact the Specialist GUCH Centre direct and talk to them. They might be able to assist you in getting referred there. If you still have problems, contact us and we will write you a letter which you can take to your GP explaining the importance of you being seen at one of the Specialist GUCH Centres we have listed.

What if I am still unsure?

Ring us and ask. We are here to help

GUCH Specialist Centres



GUCH Specialist Centres

Birmingham	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
Bristol	Bristol Heart Centre
Leeds	Leeds General Infirmary
Leicester	Glenfield Hospital
London	Heart Hospital
	Royal Brompton Hospital
	St Thomas' Hospital
Manchester	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Newcastle	Freeman Hospital
Southampton	Southampton General Hospital

NOTE: There is no list of Specialist Centres produced by any recognised organisation, this is therefore the GUCHPA opinion and as such only the best advice currently available

GUCH Specialist Centres
&
Specialist GUCH Cardiologists

Birmingham

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2TH
0121 627 2959 or 0121 627 2870

Dr Sara Thorne
Dr Paul Clift
Dr Lucy Hudsmith

Bristol

Bristol Heart Centre
Dolphin House Bristol BS2 8HW
0117 3420483 or 0117 3420463

Dr Mark Turner
Dr Stephanie Curtis
Dr Graham Stuart
Dr Petra Jenkins

Leeds

Leeds General Infirmary
Great George Street Leeds LS1 3EX
Liaison Nurse: 0113 3928154
New patients: 0113 3928184

Dr Kate English
Dr George Ballard
Dr John Thomson

Leicester

Glenfield Hospital
Groby Road Leicester LE3 9QP
0116 256 3904 or 0116 256 3082

Dr Aidan Bolger
Dr Frances BuLock
Dr Mohammed Khan

London – Heart Hospital

16 – 18 Westmoreland Street
London W1M 8PH
GUCH Office 0203 456 4010

Dr Fiona Walker
Dr Shay Cullen
Prof John Deanfield

London – Royal Brompton Hospital

Sydney Street London SW3 6NP
020 7351 8602

Prof Michael Gatzoulis
Dr Lorna Swan
Dr Kostas Dimopoulos
Dr Gerhard Diller
Dr Anselm Uebing

London – St Thomas's Hospital

Cardiothoracic Unit 6th Floor East Wing
St. Thomas' Lambeth Palace Rd SE1 7EH
020 7188 1090

Dr Christoph Kiesewetter
Dr Cathy Head
Dr Natali Chung
Prof Shakeel Qureshi
Dr Eric Rosenthal

Manchester

Manchester Royal Infirmary
Oxford Road Manchester M13 9WL
0161 276 4143

Dr Mahadevan Vaikom
Dr Jaspal Dua

Newcastle

Freeman Hospital
High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE7 7DN
0191 233 616

Dr Milind Chaudhari
Dr John O'Sullivan

Southampton

Southampton General Hospital
Wessex Cardiac Unit
Tremona Road Southampton SO16 6YD
02380 777222

Dr Anthony Salmon
Dr Gruschen Veldtman
Dr Aisling Carroll

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