

National HCV Paediatric MultiDisciplinary Operational Delivery Network (National HCV pMDT ODN)

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NHSE is delighted to announce the successful launch of the new national Multidisciplinary Operational Delivery Network (ODN) to treat children and young people with Hepatitis C (HCV) in England.

For more details please read the following Press Release from NHS England.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2021/08/lifesaving-hepatitis-c-treatment-for-children-on-the-nhs/>

The aim of Specialised Hepatitis C Operational Delivery Networks for Adults is to maximise appropriate uptake and completion of HCV treatment and to cure more people of infection. This will improve quality of life, prevent premature death in line with the NHS Outcomes Framework 2014-15, and reduce the risk of onward transmission.

From 1st April 2021, NHSE has only funded treatment for children and young people (3-18 years) in England through the National HCV paediatric MDT ODN.

This unique ODN is the first in the world to provide a national treatment pathway for children and young people with HCV to provide high quality treatment and equity of access for children and young people, aged 3 – 18years of age in England, ensuring that they receive care close to home at their local centre.

The team led by Professor Deirdre Kelly includes clinicians from the three National Paediatric Liver Units; Paediatric infectious disease clinicians; Parent and Patient Organisations and representation from regional centres.

The service has been available from 1st April 2021 and holds monthly virtual meetings to discuss patients and agree treatment. Referring paediatricians are welcome to join these virtual meetings to discuss their patients and/or arrange a Face-to-Face appointment if families or clinicians wish. Treatment will be provided through the referring centre within 4 weeks after the meeting. The

MDT team will provide support and advice to referring clinicians and families as required.

Clinicians from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are welcome to refer patients for advice about treatment and attend the virtual MDT meetings if wished. Funding arrangements for HCV therapy will be as per local agreement.

Observers are welcome to join these MDT meetings as they provide a unique learning opportunity on how to manage and treat Hep C positive children and young adults. Observers are welcome to contact Carla Lloyd, e-mail national.hcvpmdt@nhs.net, mobile 07901 323 071 and to follow the Observer Protocol (see Appendix 1)

For further information, referral details and for a Referral Registration Form: please contact national.hcvpmdt@nhs.net or call Carla Lloyd, Co-ordinator Mobile 07901323 071

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