

The new Congenital Heart Disease review: 28th update – John Holden

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It's a short blog this week, reflecting the fact that there have not been lots of meetings, with all the associated paperwork that is the staple diet of the usual blog. Instead, we have been focused on preparing for the 25 July 2014 event which brings together all our engagement and advisory groups; developing a first draft of the consultation document (more about that below); and doing some of the necessary thinking and background work on our other objectives besides Objective 1 (the standards).

Your feedback

Thank you for continuing to comment on the issues we cover in the blog. We do not respond to every individual comment, but we do look at all contributions to consider any implications for the review.

Patients, families and their representatives

Following publication of the papers considered by the review's Clinical Advisory Panel at its meeting on 18 June 2014, we received an email from The Somerville Foundation (TSF) raising their concerns about some content in [Item 6](#), relating to transplantation for adults with CHD. In line with our commitment to transparency, you can [read the correspondence from TSF here](#).

Clinicians and their organisations

Following the planned programme of visits to units providing CHD services, Professor Kelly (chair of our clinicians' engagement and advisory group) has agreed to visit a representative sample of units providing ACHD procedures outside the specialist congenital surgery centres. Visits are now planned to Blackpool on 30 July 2014, Brighton on 13 August 2014, and Papworth on 15 August 2014.

NHS England and other partners

Our Programme Board meets on Monday 28 July and has a refreshed membership. The agenda for the meeting will include consideration of a draft of the consultation document which will accompany the proposed CHD standards when they are published for consultation. This is NOT

the beginning of consultation on the standards, but there will be a limited opportunity for stakeholders to comment on how we could improve the shape/style/format of this consultation document before it is finalised. In addition to the standard consultation document we still intend to produce a very simple “easy read” version as well as a more comprehensive “reference document”, to suit different audiences.