**The National Congenital Heart Disease Audit (NCHDA)**

**Data Quality Audit for Congenital Procedures**

**For the years Apr-Mar 2016/17**

**The Harley Street Clinic**

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**Summary**

Prior to the Log Book Review, the data return to the NCHDA from the Cardiac Department of The HCA Harley Street Clinic (HSC) indicates that 163 therapeutic cardiac procedures (108 surgery, 54 catheter procedures, 1 other, and 3 deaths) had been undertaken in children and adults with congenital heart disease.

As previously reported, Dendrite is the information collection system used at HSC and throughout all the other 6 hospitals run by HCA in London. There is a whole time Cardiac Audit Systems Manager (DBM) for Cardiology in post who works across 3 of the HCA hospitals in London that undertake cardiac procedures, managing SCTS, BCIS and CRM data collections as well as the Congenital registry. This individual does not have a clinical background. There is 1 part time external clinician (0.2WTE) who reviews the quality of the clinical data coding prior to submission to NCHDA.

At the 2015 validation the Reviewers became aware that there is a specialist Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) Nurse based at HSC but this individual has no active role in this data collection.

As previously reported, since January 2008, the cardiac catheter laboratory staff have been involved in collecting and inputting interventional catheter data. 1 resident specialist surgeon reviews and amends the surgical data prior to submission. As previously reported it appears that the Consultant clinicians do not have access to Dendrite in the operating theatres or the catheter labs. Therefore, there is no direct data entry by the responsible clinicians at the point of service at either location.

There are a number of congenital cardiac surgeons and congenital cardiologists who undertake cardiac procedures on congenital patients in the cardiac catheter laboratories at HSC.

As in 2009-16, HCA do not have a direct link with the NHS Strategic Tracing Service for rapid identification of NHS Numbers for patients who are UK residents. However, the Organisation do have an N3 (NHS standard secure broadband) connection. As reported previously, HCA do not appear to routinely ask patients that are UK citizens to supply their NHS Number. It appears 25 records (15% of the total) in the 2016/17 cohort appear to have a UK residential postcode but none has an NHS Number contained in the record submitted to the NCHDA.

**Patient Consent for External Validation of Hospital Notes**

Since 1 April 2007 patient consent is required for external validation of hospital case notes. Without patient consent, external validation of hospital notes cannot take place.

This is the ninth consecutive year that HCA (HSC) took full responsibility for validation consent to enable audit of the selected hospital notes. The reviewers are grateful to the Director of Clinical Services who is the local Caldicott Guardian for facilitating this.

**Actions taken since the last validation visit in 2016**

1. Standard Operating Protocols were being finalised for the congenital data collection, to include detailed guidance on and exactly **who** is responsible for and in what timeframe. These are now expected to be available soon after the 2017 validation visit.
2. The date and time of extubation is expected to be documented on the electronic patient record system under respiratory observations (airway events).
3. Since 1 April 2016, HCA began to attempt to capture patient consent for participation in national audits as part of the patient registration process.
4. A mechanism to identify the NHS Number for UK resident patients has now been devised at HCA for the 2017/18 data submissions.

**Data Quality Indicator Score**

20 patients (Surgery 11, Catheters 9) were randomly selected for the case note review to derive the Data Quality Indicator Score. These 20 patients had undergone 25 procedures (15 operations, 10 cardiac catheter procedures).

The DQI for the Hospital is calculated to be (with previous years in parentheses), 95.75% (94.5,94.5**,** 95.75, 95), with domain scores Demographics .99 (.97 .99 .96) Pre Procedure .94 (.92 93 .96) Procedure .90 (.94 .89 .94 .97) and Outcome 1.0 (.95 .97.95).

As in 2009-16, separate DQI scores are being calculated for surgery and catheter procedures. A minimum of 5 cases from each group are required in the random sample. The separate DQI score’s at HSC are;

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| **Year Visited** | **Data Year Validated** | **Surgery DQI %** | **Catheter DQI %** |
| **2009** | 07/08 | 86.25% | Insufficient sample |
| **2010** | 08/09 | 91.25% | 90.5% |
| **2011** | 09/10 | 95% | 92% |
| **2011** | 10/11 | 97.5% | 95% |
| **2012** | 11/12 | 93.75% | 98% |
| **2013** | 12/13 | 94.75% | 96.5% |
| **2014** | 13/14 | 96.5% | 94.5% |
| **2015** | 14/15 | 96.5% | 86% |
| **2016** | 15/16 | 95.5% | 93.5% |
| **2017** | 16/17 | 97.75% | 93.25% |

The body of this report is drawn from answers given in the NCHDA pre visit questionnaire and from discussions on the day of the visit.

**Introduction**

As stated in the Summary above, prior to the Log Book Review, the data return to Congenital NCHDA from the Harley Street Clinic that was used for this validation visit indicated that 158 therapeutic cardiac procedures 163 therapeutic cardiac procedures (108 surgery, 54 catheter procedures, 1 other, and 3 deaths) in children and adults with congenital heart disease for the year 2016/17 were undertaken.

20 Sample sets of case notes were randomly selected. A further Reserve list of cases was supplied in case any of the first 20 were unavailable. On the day, 0 Reserve case notes were used to replace those that were unavailable in the Sample. The NCHDA Clinical Data Auditor and one external Consultant in Congenital Cardiology undertook the site audit on the day.

The Regulatory Compliance Lead at HSC, in collaboration with clinical colleagues completed the pre visit self-assessment questionnaire.

**Review of the notes**

As previously reported, the hospital notes of patients are routinely scanned into the hospital electronic patient record system Meditech after final live discharge. The hospital notes of deceased patients are scanned. For this visit all of the original paper bound case notes were still available to view and where necessary parts of the EPR were accessible to enable viewing if required.

Almost all of the case notes had been prepared with small sticky notes indicating documents that the Reviewers needed to see. Some data were only available on the electronic data systems.

The numerical indices for GMC number and name were submitted for each consultant which is excellent.

1. As in previous years, perfusion sheets were available in the bypass patients hospital notes seen.
2. As previously reported fluroscopy data sheets were seen in almost all the catheter procedure hospital notes but were often sparsely completed. It was also not clear whether the total time calculated was from skin puncture to sheath removal or total time in the cath lab. NCHDA require skin puncture to sheath removal in minutes.
3. It was also unclear on some the cath lab procedure reports exactly how the fluroscopy dose had been calculated.
4. As previously reported, it was not always clear in the hospital notes (handwritten or electronic ICIP) exactly (date and time) when a patient was extubated. The typed operation notes seen were mostly very detailed and outlined the previous procedures a patient may have had.
5. 3 patients appeared to have had a cardiac devices implanted but the details of the manufacturer, device size and serial numbers were absent from the data submission.
6. Written notes on ventricular function data were often seen in the hospital records but were submitted as ‘unknown’ in the NCHDA data. Patients with single ventricles only need to have one of the ventricular fields (systemic) completed.
7. The height or length of non bypass patients appeared to be absent on the NCHA data submission and some of the hand written notes on these data were at times a little unclear.
8. It became clear during the case note review that the Paediatric Risk Analysis in Surgery (PRAiS) software has not been used at HSC since the 2016 Validation visit.

**Review of Cath Lab Log Books**

As in previous years, the log books from 3 cath labs were offered for review. These are bespoke bound volumes with ruled lines and named columns for recording various information including fluoroscopy data and predominantly used by the radiography staff. As previously reported, it is noted that there are now 2 ink stamps in use, one that says ‘CONGENITAL’ and one that says ‘INTERVENTION’ and this was helpful in enabling the identification of cases more speedily.

1. As previously reported the descriptions of procedures were not always easy to read or decipher as on occasions the CONGENITAL stamp as not always used consistently.
2. 1 catheter case was identified that may have been missed from the submission.
3. 8 submitted catheter records appeared to be for patients with a UK post code but had no NHS Number.

A list of the above cases has been provided to the HSC DBM for local review and consideration for submission to congenital NCHDA.

**Review of the Operating Theatre Log Books**

There are 4 operating theatres used for congenital surgery at HSC. A copy of the electronic logs from MediTech for these theatres were offered for the review. This appears to be a theatre booking system and is an integral part of the EPR.

1. 1 record was identified that may be suitable for inclusion in the NCHDA.
2. 5 records were identified that may have errors or omissions in them.
3. 18 records appeared to be for patients with a UK residential post code but had no NHS Number

**Validation of Dates of Death and Procedure Coding of Deceased Patients**

Commencing with the validation of the 2013/14 data in 2014, the National Congenital Heart Disease Audit wish to verify any dates of death of deceased patients included in the year under review. The diagnosis and procedure coding will also be validated. The requirement for consent to validate these hospital data are the same as for the congenital procedures review. Where there is no evidence that consent has been given the Medical Director is asked to give permission for the case note examination. The Validation Team are grateful to the Director of Clinical Services for facilitating this.

The demographics, coding for diagnoses, comorbidity and procedure performed were checked for the 3 deceased patients. 3 sets of case notes were made available. The findings were:

* 1 record may have  incomplete diagnoses fields
* 1 record have incomplete previous procedures field

**Security and Confidentiality**

The NCHDA system is registered with the Company’s Data Protection Officer it is fully compliant with the HCA policies on security and confidentiality. HCA’s NCHDA data are submitted as CSV files to NCHDA from a PATs Dendrite information management system. Copies of the submitted files are saved on the Dendrite Server which is backed up daily. This is unchanged in 2017.

**Validation and Quality Assurance**

Formal validation routines are built into the Dendrite database. The Dendrite Training manual is available on each client licence and there are written procedures available for staff who collect and input data to the database. Copies of the Core dataset are provided to all users as reference. All patient procedures are recorded on the Hospital Information System.

As previously reported, a download of files can be generated to cover a given date range, procedure/s and Operators. Such a file is used to verify that all relevant procedures are accounted for in the Dendrite Audit System. The downloaded files are in turn checked against the theatre or cathlab logbooks quarterly.

Within the Dendrite System, it is possible to check that data are complete and meet relevant conditions. Cross validation questions (if not already part of the dataset) can be added to the data form to ensure that answers given make sense. – For example if “previous operation = None”, then number of previous operations must be “0”. Duplicate entries are validated on data entry for same patient, same date of procedure. The user can override the “Duplicate Entry” warning.

HCA do not have access to the NHS Strategic Tracing Service, however they do have links to the NSTS website for information regarding the numbering formation. The scope of implementation for this was to create a field within the local PAS (Meditech) for manual entry of the NHS number, and to also facilitate recording this identifier for any NHS initiatives within the HCA group*.* This is unchanged in 2017. It was noted that 25 patient records with a UK residential post code appeared to have no NHS Number entered.

As previously reported, there are processes in place to audit data collection activities regularly and the centre are confident that all congenital catheter and surgical intervention data are consistently collected in all instances.Data integrity checks are carried out regularly and relevant staff are contacted directly by the hospital Governance team and consulted via e-mail with a list of data to be updated. The hospital uses an electronic record to document procedures and this remains in the theatre and cathlab modules on the EPR system indefinitely.

However, it is of concern that reverse validation of the submitted data to NCHDA against locally held data had not been undertaken and the risk analysis PRAiS, has also not be run.

**Training**

There is central responsibility within HCA for identifying training needs and for developing training in data collection. It is the responsibility of the Governance team and the HCA Cardiac Administrator to identify training needs for local users. The training programme consists of the training manual provided with the software as well as bespoke hints and shortcuts given to trainees. In the cathlabs and in the operating theatre and in PICU, there are designated staff responsible for maintaining the Congenital NCHDA database. Other staff are indirectly involved by virtue of being professionally accountable for the accuracy of the data that they file in the paper record and electronically. This is unchanged in 2017.

**Communications**

As previously reported, there are procedures for reissuing amended information following changes to the data and there are procedures to ensure timely collection and dissemination of activity data within the organisation. Consultants check their data (as downloaded from the Dendrite systems) before it is submitted. If they receive the data after submission and amendments are necessary, then the amendments are highlighted in a report that is produced after resubmission.

The NCHDA data collection is monitored by the Governance team to ensure timely collection, and submission to meet NCHDA deadlines. This is overseen by the Cardiac Database Administrator (for HCA). If amendments are necessary after the data has already been submitted, then the data are resubmitted.

**Accountability**

As reported in 2009-16, there is someone within HCA with management responsibility for the NCHDA system. There is also someone with designated responsibility for data quality and standards conformance. Regular data integrity checks as well as system login audit trails allow the system administrator to identify issues and escalate correction via management.

**Health Records Management**

An SpR inputs data soon after surgical operations whenever possible. In the cathlabs and in the operating theatre and in PICU, there are designated staff responsible for maintaining the NCHDA database. Other staff are indirectly involved as detailed elsewhere in this report. However it appears that none of the responsible consultant clinicians performing operations or therapeutic catheter procedures input these data at the point of service.

On the whole most of the information required by NCHDA can be found in the paper or electronic notes and the notes are available for this to be done.

**Timeliness**

For the years 2009-16, the returns to NCHDA met the agreed deadlines. Internal deadlines are also met. Targets are set when a deadline for data submission is issued by NCHDA.

**Completeness and Validity**

Transfer tables are available to ensure patient care events are defined correctly according to NCHDA classifications. There is also a list of the acronyms, synonyms and abbreviations available to ensure correct care event definitions. No problems have been observed with the NCHDA data apart from the duplication of some records. The NHS Number is absent in all records for UK patients with a UK residential postcode.

There are monthly internal targets for completeness of data within HCA and these are being met.

**Accuracy**

As previously reported, there does appear to be a data quality and audit programme in progress which includes checking data items against source documentation at the time of data input. The Dendrite system has inbuilt data consistency check capability as well. The “basic analysis” module within the system allows omissions and outliers to be identified.

Consultant staff are not involved in the validation of diagnostic and procedure codes on a routine basis.SPR’s collect data soon after surgical operations whenever possible. As reported elsewhere, in the cathlabs, nursing staff were trained in 2008 to collect interventional catheter data soon after the procedure and one nurse has been identified as having overall responsibility for the database within the unit.

The diagnostic and procedural codes used in the audit system are derived from the NCHDA Dataset v5.01 – and only changed if and when the dataset is updated by NCHDA. The Hospital Information System uses OPCS codes which do not necessarily describe fully the procedure carried out.

**Casenote Audit 15/16**

20 patients underwent 25 procedures (15 operations, 10 catheter procedures)

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|  | **Parameter** | **Total Score** | **Total No** | **Comments** | **Scores for Cardiology & Surgery** |
|  |  | **C** | **S** |
| 1 | Hospital Number | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 2 | NHS Number | 0 | 1 | 1 absent | 8/9 | 11 |
| 3 | Surname | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 4 | First Name | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 5 | Sex | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 6 | DOB | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 7 | Ethnicity | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 8 | Patient Status | 20 | 20 |  | 9 | 11 |
| 9 | Postcode | 19 | 20 | 1 absent | 9 | 10/11 |
| 10 | Pre Procedure Diagnosis | 24 | 25 | 1 incomplete | 10 | 15 |
| 11 | Previous Procedures | 45 | 45 |  | 25 | 20 |
| 12 | Patients Weight atOperation | 23 | 25 | 2 incorrect | 8/10 | 15 |
| 13  | Height | 20 | 23 | 3 incorrect | 8/10 | 12/13 |
| 14 | Ante Natal Diagnosis | 2 | 2 |  | - | 2 |
| 15 | Pre Proc Seizures | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 16 | Pre Proc NYHA  | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 17 | Pre Proc Smoker | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 18 | Pre Proc Diabetes | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 19 | Hx Pulmonary Dis | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 20 | Pre Proc IHD | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 21 | Comorbidity Present | 9 | 9 |  | 1 | 8 |
| 22 | Comorbid Conditions | 11 | 12 | 1 absent | 1 | 10/11 |
| 23 | Pre Proc Systemic Ventricular EF | 20 | 25 | 5 incorrect | 8/10 | 12/15 |
| 24 | Pre Proc Sub Pul Ventricular EF  | 21 | 25 | 4 incorrect | 10 | 11/15 |
| 25 | Pre-proc valve/septal defect/ vessel size | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | - |
| 26 | Consultant | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |

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|  | **Parameter** | **Total Score** | **Total No** | **Comments** | **Scores for Cardiology & Surgery** |
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| 27 | Date of Procedure | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 28 | Time Start | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 29 | Proc Urgency | 24 | 25 | 1 incorrect | 10 | 14/15 |
| 30 | Unplanned Proc | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 31 | Single Operator |  |  |  | 10 | 15 |
| 32 | Operator 1 | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 33 | Operator 1 Grade | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 34 | Operator 2 | 15 | 15 |  | - | 15 |
| 35 | Operator 2 Grade | 15 | 15 |  | - | 15 |
| 36 | Procedure Type | 25 | 25 |  | - | 15 |
| 37 | Sternotomy Sequence | 13 | 13 |  | - | 13 |
| 38 | Operation Performed | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 39 | Sizing balloon used for septal defect  | 6 | 6 |  | 6 | - |
| 40 | No of stents or coils | 3 | 4 | 1 absent | ¾ | - |
| 41 | Device Manufacturer | 5 | 8 | 3 absent | 7 | 1 |
| 42 | Device Model | 6 | 14 | 8 absent | 5/13 | 1 |
| 43 | Device Ser No | 6 | 14 | 8 absent | 5/13 | 1 |
| 44 | Device Size | 6 | 14 | 8 absent | 5/13 | 1 |
| 45 | Total Bypass Time | 13 | 13 |  | - | 13 |
| 46 | XClamp Time, | 13 | 13 |  | - | 13 |
| 47 | Total Arrest | - | - |  | - | - |
| 48 | Cath Proc Time, | 4 | 10 |  | 4/10 |  |
| 49 | Cath Fluro Time, | 8 | 10 |  | 8/10 |  |
| 50 | Cath Fluro Dose, | 9 | 10 |  | 9/10 |  |

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|  | **Parameter** | **Total Score** | **Total No** | **Comments** | **Scores for Cardiology & Surgery** |
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| 51 | Duration of Post Op Intubation  | 14 | 14 |  | - | 14 |
| 52 | Post Procedure Seizures  | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 54 | Post Proc Complications | 2 | 2 |  | - | 2 |
| 55 | Date of Discharge | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 56 | Date of Death | 1 | 1 |  | - | 1 |
| 57 | Status at Discharge | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |
| 58 | Discharge Destination | 25 | 25 |  | 10 | 15 |

Data Quality Indicator Assessment:

The Overall DQI = 95.75% Cardiology DQI = 93.25% Surgery DQI = 97.75%

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| **DOMAIN** | **DOMAIN****Score** |
| **Demographics**Hospital Number, NHS Number, Surname, First Name, DOB, Sex, Ethnicity, Postcode, Patient Status, | **Overall .99** |
| **Card**.99 | **Surg**.99 |
| **Pre Procedure**Pre procedure Diagnosis, Selected Previous Procedures, Patient Weight at Operation, Consultant, Antenatal Diagnosis, Pre Procedure Seizures, Comorbid Conditions,**Height, Pre Procedure NYHA, Pre Procedure Smoker, Pre Procedure Diabetes, Previous Pulmonary Disease, Pre Procedure Ischaemic Heart Disease, Comorbidity Present, Pre Procedure Systemic Ventricular Ejection Fraction, Pre Procedure Sub Pulmonary Ejection Fraction, Pre Procedure valve/septal defect/vessel size,** Note, the scores for his domain are affected by the selected previous procedure and pre procedure diagnosis  | **Overall .94** |
| **Card**.94 | **Surg**.93 |
| **Procedure**Date of procedure, Operator 1, Operator 2 Cardiopulmonary Bypass used, Operator 1 grade, Operator 2 grade, Operation performed, Sternotomy sequence, Bypass Time, CircArrest, XClamp Time, Cath Proc Time, Cath Fluro Time, Cath Fluro Dose,**Time Start, Procedure Urgency, Unplanned Procedure, Single Operator, Sizing Balloon Used, No of Stents/Coils, Device Mfr, Device Model, Device Ser No, Device Size,**  | **Overall** .90 |
| **Card**.80 | **Surg**.99 |
| **Outcome**Duration of Post Op Intubation, Post Procedure Seizures, Date of Discharge, Date of Death, Status at Discharge, Discharge Destination.**Post Procedure Complications.** | **Overall** 1.0  |
| **Card**1.0 | **Surg**1.0 |

**Data Quality Indicator Assessment**

**The Trust DQI = 95.75%**

This DQI is based upon the domain scoring below. The methodology for this DQI is provided in the paper The NCHDA Audit – An Introduction to the Process.

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| **DOMAINS**  | **2013****12/13** | **2014****13/14** | **2015****14/15** | **2016****15/16** | **2017****16/17** |
| **Demographics** | .99 | .98 | .99 | .97 | .99 |
| **Pre Procedure** | .97 | .96 | .93 | .92 | .94 |
| **Procedure** | .97 | .94 | .89 | .94 | .90 |
| **Outcome** | .87 | .95 | .97 | .95 | 1.0 |

**Conclusions**

On the whole the NCHDA data that has been submitted are accurate, well documented, good quality and was appropriately recorded in the Cath Lab and Meditech logs. There have been a number of personnel changes in the area of compliance and governance at HSC since the last validation visit and the new team are working hard to build on past achievments.

The NCHDA Team are very pleased to report that the prospective gathering of consent for external validation of patients hospital notes while slightly delayed from 2016, is to be embedded in the admission procedures together with the collection of NHS Numbers for patients who are UK residents. The NHS Number is essential for accurate mortality tracking. The 30 day and 1 year mortality for 72 specific procedures are published on the Congenital public website and are therefore in the public domain.

As previously reported there appears to be no contemporaneous NCHDA procedural data input by responsible clinicians at the point of service in the operating theatre or cath labs. Other more junior staff appear to be doing this task. As previously reported, there are entries in the hospital records but these often do not include radiation dose or time or skin to skin time which are required for the NCHDA validation. Where electronic entries from the ICIP ITU information system were made available it was not always easy to find nor was it very clear what the exact time scale of events were such as extubation of the ET tube.

It is still of considerable concern that the responsible clinicians are not involved in the reverse validation of their data after it has been submitted to NCHDA. The Reviewers are also concerned that the PRAiS risk analysis for surgery has not been used in this centre for approximately 12 months and it is recommended that it is run at least quarterly or more frequently depending on volume of procedures undertaken.

It also appears that congenital data from HCA are submitted quarterly in arrears. Whilst this has been acceptable in the past, it may be prudent to review this as NCHDA are likely to be moving to quarterly reporting during 2017/18.

It also became apparent during this review that the PRAiS software has not been updated to PRAiS2 or been used since the previous validation in 2016.

A printout of the HSC Meditech System was provided for the operating theatre log book check. This was not clear to read at times and some of the descriptions recorded of the procedures performed did not appear to reconcile completely with the data that had been submitted to the NCHDA. The use of the self inking stamp to mark congenital interventions in the cath lab log book again aided the identity of such cases but as previously, it was noted that it was not always consistently used.

**Validation of Deceased Patients data.**

The PRAiS sensitive fields in these data were examined for 5 out of 6 patients.

* 2 records may have data missing from them

**Recommendations**

1. The NCHDA recommends that each congenital centre has 1.0WTE dedicated data manager and an at least 1.0WTE assistant responsible for audit and database submissions per 400 procedures undertaken. This recommendation is in accordance with the congenital cardiology Standards published as part of the NHS England new Congenital Heart Disease review (July 2015).
2. It is recommended that any Standard Operating Protocols for the congenital data collection are reviewed regularly to ensure that they, include detailed guidance on and exactly **who** is responsible for and in what timeframe;
	1. Ensuring consent for external validation of hospital notes is obtained prospectively from all patients with congenital heart disease
	2. Input of congenital patients NCHDA required dataset items and which point of service delivery
	3. Identifying and collecting the NHS Number for any UK resident, who is a congenital cardiac patient at HSC and that it is included in the data submission
	4. Encouraging responsible clinician input of the procedure data for each operation or catheter intervention at the point of the service delivery
	5. Validity checking and completeness and the time intervals for feedback to responsible clinicians on this with a clear time scale and line of responsibility for rectifying any omissions or errors in both surgery and cardiology disciplines
	6. Reverse validation of the data submitted to NCHDA by responsible clinicians in conjunction with the DBM at least quarterly.
	7. Regular running of PRAiS risk analysis software. In high volume NHS centres this is required monthly.
	8. Ensuring that dates of death are reported for any HSC patient who has previously had a record submitted to the NCHDA
	9. Leading the local review (and how frequently and in which forum for both disciplines)
	10. Making timely submissions (monthly is recommended) and
	11. Including details of manufacturer, model and serial numbers of all implantable devices with each patient record for a procedure.
	12. Reviewing/Updating the SOP at timely intervals
3. It is also recommended that all congenital cardiac audit data personnel, should visit with other centres that submit congenital cardiac data to NCHDA.