

Cystic Fibrosis our focus

Leeds and York Adult Service

The Leeds CF centre is a well-established service with approximately 400 patients, providing excellent care from an experienced team with an associated research and clinical trials unit. The inpatient service has transferred to St James's Hospital and outpatient services remain at Seacroft Hospital.

The York service, which has 24 patients and a committed, enthusiastic team, evolved before current commissioning specifications were introduced. The York team is developing plans to increase patient numbers, and one proposal is to develop a combined service with Hull, and to develop towards meeting the patient numbers and criteria for a new combined York/Hull CF centre.

Users identified the service's accessibility, cleanliness and cross-infection measures as areas of excellence. Areas of improvement identified included the food, car parking facilities and the need to review the contract with the home provider Calea due to a reduction in the reliability of the service.

The panel identified the innovative Leeds Electronic Record System, which enables continuous review of a patient's progress and needs, and the enthusiastic multidisciplinary teams at both Leeds and York, as areas of excellence. The Leeds service also has an international reputation in clinical care policies, research and clinical trials.

Key recommendations include the need to address staffing levels in the Leeds multidisciplinary team, and further planning for outpatient services and day patient facilities at Leeds. The panel also notes that the proposal for a combined York/Hull CF centre needs to be developed further to address key issues including appointments and financial arrangements.