

# Cystic Fibrosis our focus

## Llandough Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre

The Llandough Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre is a well-established service providing excellent specialist care for approximately 260 patients, with this number likely to increase to over 300 patients within a few years. They have a well-trained and dedicated team of consultants and allied health professionals across all areas of multidisciplinary care, although further development of middle-grade doctor, pharmacist, social worker and psychologist input is recommended. There is an excellent out-patient clinic with appropriate facilities for segregation of patients. Although patients receive excellent dedicated care when admitted to hospital, the inpatient facilities are below the standards expected for a specialist CF centre, with a lack of en-suite cubicles, which needs to be urgently addressed to reduce the risk of cross-infection.

Service users have identified the following areas of excellence: accessibility of, and communication with, the multidisciplinary team, ward team care and the outpatient experience, including team-member availability, cross-infection control and room cleanliness. Areas for improvement include outpatient waiting times, admission waiting times and inpatient food.

The review panel have identified the experience, skill and commitment of the multidisciplinary team as an area of good practice, as well as the outpatient services, including segregation procedures, as well as the links with associated specialist services such as diabetes, hepatology, obstetrics, ENT and transplantation.

The panel's key recommendations are for urgent improvement to the inpatient facilities, such as ensuite cubicles for segregated care in order to reduce cross-infection risks, further development of pharmacy, psychology and social work input and the addition of middle-grade staff as a key priority owing to the high number of patients.

Further consideration should also be given to a home intravenous antibiotic service.