

Cystic Fibrosis our focus

Hull Royal Infirmary, Paediatric Service

The paediatric cystic fibrosis unit at Hull Royal Infirmary delivers multidisciplinary care to 29 children under 16 years of age, in the Hull and East Yorkshire area. The unit is not currently linked to a regional specialist centre and does not provide shared-care or an outreach service.

Parent and patient surveys and interviews on the day of review gave very positive feedback. Areas identified as excellent included the availability of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) for advice and assistance, accessibility and home care/community support. The quality and quantity of food, cleanliness of inpatient cubicle and bathroom facilities and car parking were seen as requiring improvement.

The panel highlighted the way the team members work cohesively and are fully committed to delivering a good level of individualised care as one of the examples of good practice. They also commended the support provided to the team by experienced and well-trained Allied Health Professionals, and the home visits provided by the physiotherapist. Pre-prepared intravenous antibiotics and delivery via homecare has been a good development.

The panel's main recommendation is that the unit should consider network care linked to Leeds specialist CF centre. Patients would continue to receive the majority of their outpatient and inpatient care at Hull, but Network care to ensure a larger pool of expertise and cross-cover for all members of the MDT. The panel also finds there is an urgent need for a social worker, to help improve support and quality of care.