

New Congenital Heart Disease review: launch of consultation on draft standards and service specifications

Today, NHS England is launching twelve weeks of consultation on draft standards and service specifications for congenital heart disease (CHD) services. This will run until 5pm on 8 December 2014.

You can find out more about the new congenital heart disease review, of which this is part, by visiting our [website](#).

The following key resources are available on our [consultation hub](#):

- a **consultation document**, introducing the standards and specifications and setting out the key questions we are asking;
- the **standards and specifications** on which we are consulting, combined together in a single document;
- an **easy-read version** of the consultation document; and
- a **reference pack** which pulls together useful background information which has been published during the review to date.

Audio-visual materials describing the draft standards for CHD services are also available and can be found on the [NHS England YouTube channel](#).

We hope that you will be able to respond to the consultation and that you will share the information within your networks and contacts and encourage others to do the same.

We would encourage you where possible to respond to the consultation via the [consultation hub](#), however if this is not possible there are details on this page outlining how you can download a copy of the response form and contact details for submitting email and paper responses.

During the consultation period the review team will be hosting a number of open consultation events which will be suitable for all audiences. The events are designed to help those who attend to learn about and understand the standards and the changes these could mean to services. The events will be of an 'exhibition style' which will include panel displays, audio-visual materials, and team members to talk to. To view a list of these events and register to attend, please use our [booking system](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the review team at england.congenitalheart@nhs.net.

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