

EHCP (Emergency Health Care Plan) guidance for professionals managing the emergency care of children living with Congenital Heart Disease



Emergency healthcare plans are produced by the specialist cardiac centre for some children living with complex Congenital Heart Disease or cardiac disease, who require urgent and specific treatment considerations in an emergency setting.

Children with complex, life threatening and life limiting conditions for example, single ventricle circulation, will be discharged from the specialist centre with an EHCP.

Guidance such as child's saturations and fluid requirement can be essential to emergency treatment decisions. This treatment guidance will be individualised and specific to the child's cardiac condition.

Always ask to see the emergency healthcare plan!

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that the ECHP is with the child at all times. This guidance will provide emergency healthcare providers with the information required to manage an acute deterioration in the child's condition.

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