

Paediatric Cardiology Referral Guideline

This guideline is designed to support GP's and paediatricians in the network to triage patients and refer into the specialist service, making an appropriate referral to paediatric cardiology for children presenting with common cardiac symptoms and cardiac diseases. The tertiary cardiology services are based at the Freeman hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Types of paediatric cardiology referrals:

Emergency inpatient:

Patient requires inpatient review where possible or urgent transfer to the specialist centre

Urgent review:

Patient to be reviewed in outpatient clinic following triage by Consultant Cardiologist

Routine review:

Patient to be reviewed in outpatient clinic within the National 18-week framework

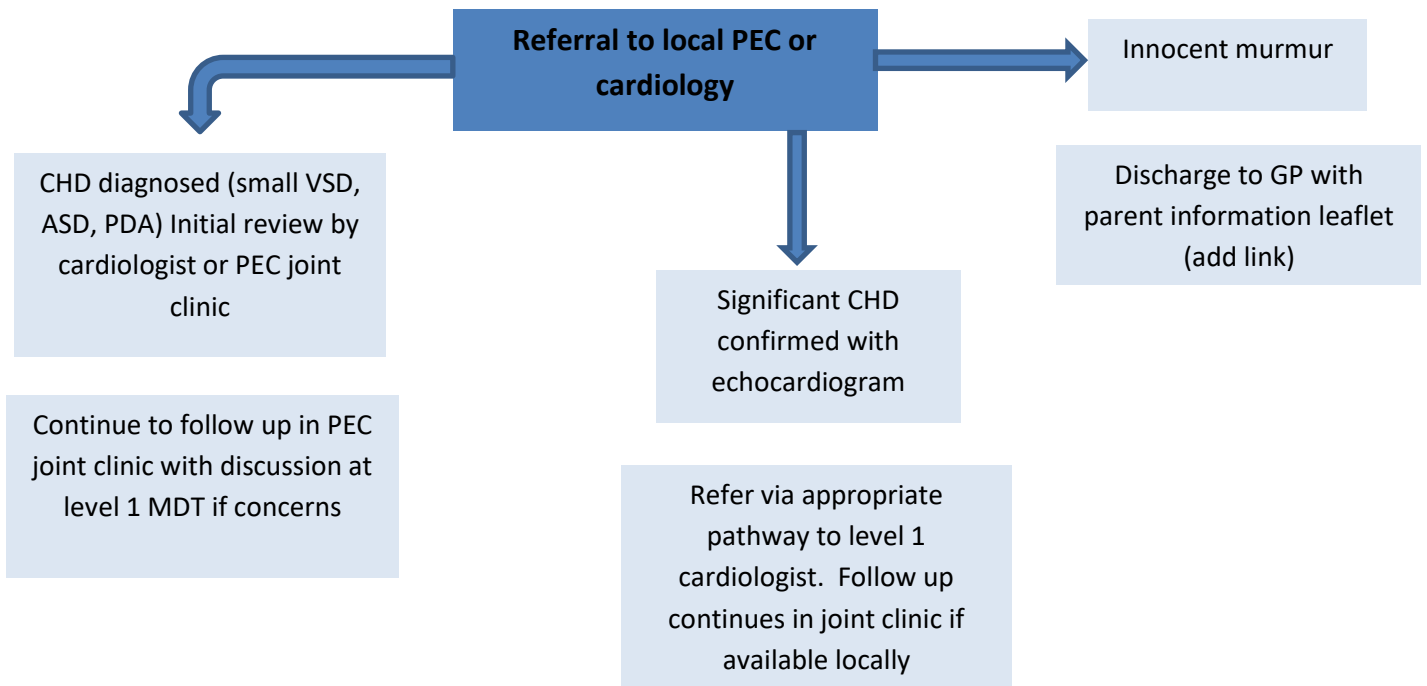
All emergency and urgent referrals must be discussed with on-call paediatric cardiology via switchboard. Minimal referral information required:

- Patient name
- Date of birth
- NHS number
- GP or lead consultant responsible for referral

All other demographics must be completed following discussion via the online referral form. Incomplete forms, or forms sent without discussion with the cardiology team will not be accepted.

Referral following a prenatal diagnosis of congenital heart disease should be made via the online referral form for prenatal diagnosis referral.

Assessment of patients with a murmur



Referral forms:

Add links to forms when on website

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