

Improving the Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Services for children and young people in the UK

Key Recommendation 1:

Establishment of Operational Delivery Networks

Commissioning organisations should ensure that all centres providing Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition services work as part of an Operational Delivery Network (ODN) or formally designated network.

Health Board and Trust managers should ensure that Specialist centres and non-specialised Network centres must provide services that are appropriately skilled and staffed in all hospital settings to meet their population needs.

Key Findings:

- 24%

- 7%

20%

Key Finding:

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Key Recommendation 2:

Workforce within a Network

Health Board and Trust managers should ensure that a non-specialised Network centres have a minimum of 1 full-time consultant paediatrician with special interest in gastroenterology and hepatology (SPIN) with at least 20% of their working time formally allocated towards providing and developing paediatric gastroenterology and nutrition care.

Key Findings:

- 18%

- 4%



Recommendations for the Provision of PGHAN Care in the UK



Health Board and Trust managers should ensure that complex PGHAN care and paediatric endoscopic services should be primarily provided within a specialised centre, co-located with appropriate specialised services such as paediatric intensive care units and paediatric surgery. Where this is not present, clear and timely pathways of referral should exist.

Commissioning organisations should ensure that Telehealth and Video Clinic consultations are evaluated and organised to provide high quality and responsive health care, alongside traditional methods of assessment.

Key Findings:

- 97%
- 63%
- 67%

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