

Performance Guide for Heart Surgery Centres (CCAD)

www.ccad.org.uk

Information about the performance of heart surgery centres across the UK is available through the Congenital Heart Disease Portal known as CCAD (Central Cardiac Audit Database).

The Congenital Heart Disease portal has been developed by The Information Centre for health and social care, using information collected by its Central Cardiac Audit Database (CCAD). This has been done in collaboration with the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery and The British Congenital Cardiac Association (BCCA) formerly the British Paediatric Cardiac Association and funded by the Healthcare Commission, the independent watchdog of Healthcare in England.

The portal provides statistical information on all heart surgery centres in the UK. It aims to give older patients and the parents and carers of children with congenital heart disease information to help them make important decisions about treatment.

What information does the website include?

This website provides information about surgical and catheter procedures from congenital heart units across the UK. It shows the number and type of procedure carried out each year at a national and individual hospital level. The information is broken down into four age groups:

- neonates - up to 30 days old**
- infants - between 31-365 days old**
- children - between one and 16 years old**
- adult - 16 years and older**

This site also provides a fairly comprehensive profile of every congenital heart disease centre in the UK including contact details for the centre, list of medical services available & list of medical staff (although some information is out of date as the most recent results are from 2006/2007). Patients, parents and carers are encouraged to regard the facts and figures in the site as a useful source of information. This knowledge can then be

used together with advice from your child's Heart specialist in making decisions on treatment options.

Who can I contact to help me interpret these figures?

The Liaison Nurses, Colette Cochran & Gill Harte, on Ocean Ward will be happy to answer any questions or help you interpret the data available on CCAD.

You can telephone the Liaison Nurses on 023 8079 4659

Or

Contact the Information Centre for Health & Social Care on;

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