CYP elective recovery mutual aid framework

NHS England

Provider

Provider identifies paediatric long waits that cannot be managed within internal capacity

- Discuss with patients (parents/ carers/ guardians) willingness to travel and distance *(ensuring patients are socially and clinically viable to travel);*
- Provider contacts neighbouring providers *(NHS and Independent Sector)* within ICB for mutual aid support ensuring the ICB is sighted on the issues;
- Provider to highlight any specialised patients to ICBs

ICB

- If capacity not available, the ICB supports mutual aid conversations with providers within the ICB
- The provider completes the standard mutual aid request form

Microsoft Excel Worksheet

If no capacity within the ICB it is escalated to the Region

Region

Region received the mutual aid support request form

The Region will:

- Review the request and coordinate and support mutual aid conversations within the Region and outside of the Region *(with NHS and Independent Sector Providers);*
- Regional lead to engage Specialised Commissioning to review the request

Capacity has been identified within the Region/inter-region and patients treated/long waits transferred to supporting provider

If no capacity within the Region. The Region requests the provider to upload requests to the National Digital Mutual Aid System (DMAS)

National

Mutual aid request made to DMAS

Live requests reviewed and escalated to National Specialised Commissioning Elective Recovery Team for review

If Specialised, the Specialised Elective Recovery team will:
Inform the National CYP Programme, Surgery In Children (SIC) ODN, Women and Children NPoC, National Clinical Director for CYP and other Programmes and Networks as needed

The team will contact regional leads to explore capacity, facilitate and coordinate mutual aid conversations at Specialist Paediatric Centres across Regions *(and other UK Nations and Islands if needed)*

Any risks/issues of unmet demand and long waits are escalated to the National Elective Recovery Programme Board

Engage throughout: Specialised Commissioning, SIC ODN, Children's Alliance, Women and Children's NPoC and other Programmes and Networks