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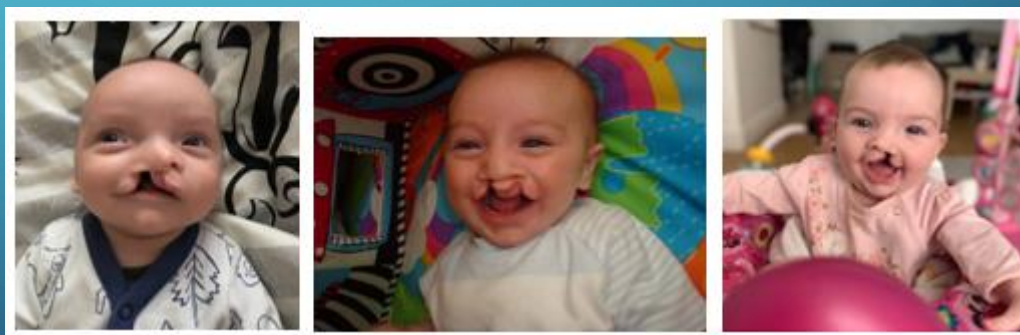
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The Welsh Centre for

**Cleft Lip & Palate**

# THE IMPACT OF COVID ON SERVICE DELIVERY AND OUR FAMILIES

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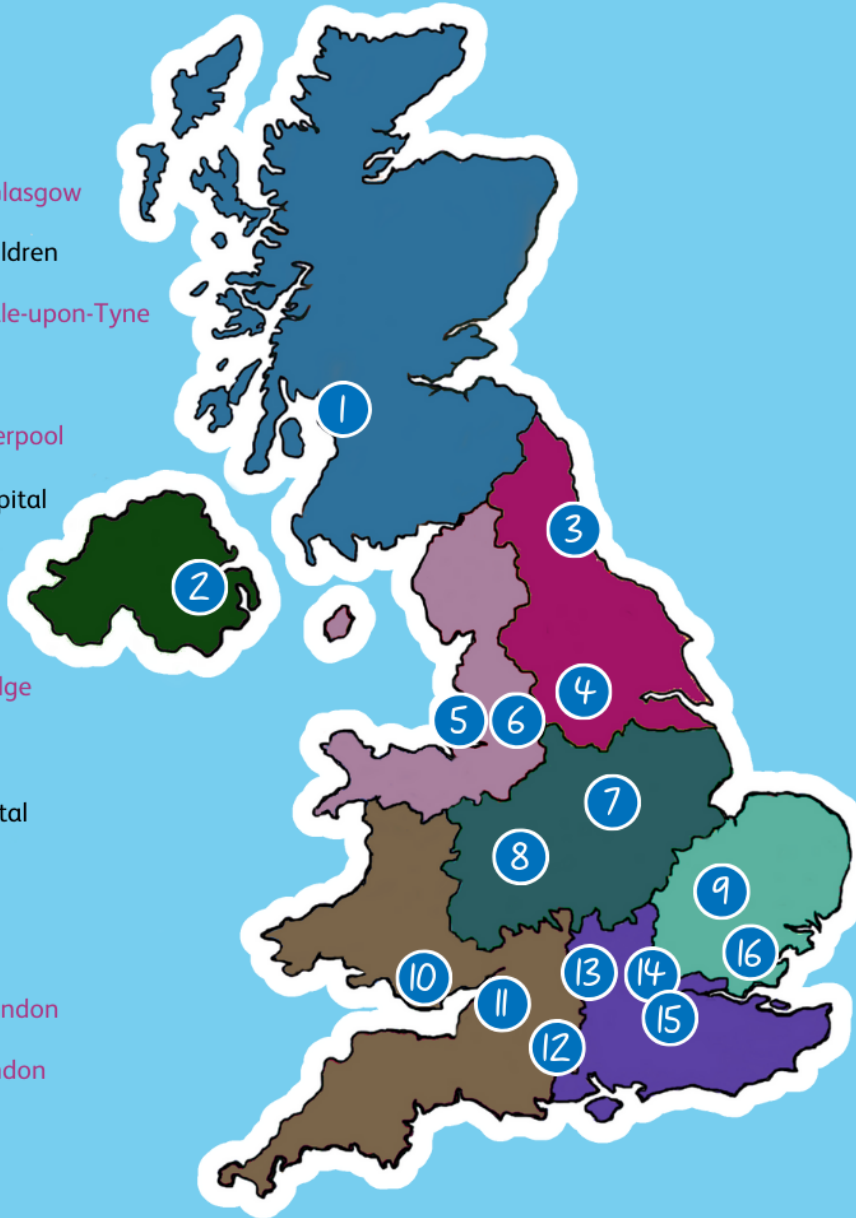


- A cleft lip and/or palate affects 1 in 700 children
- Around 1,200 babies born with a cleft each year in the UK
- 40-45 new births per year in The Welsh Centre



# NHS Cleft Services

- 1 Royal Hospital for Sick Children, **Glasgow**
- 2 Royal **Belfast** Hospital for Sick Children
- 3 Royal Victoria Infirmary, **Newcastle-upon-Tyne**
- 4 **Leeds** General Infirmary
- 5 Alder Hey Children's Hospital, **Liverpool**
- 6 Royal **Manchester** Children's Hospital
- 7 **Nottingham** City Hospital
- 8 **Birmingham** Children's Hospital
- 9 Addenbrooke's Hospital, **Cambridge**
- 10 Morriston Hospital, **Swansea**
- 11 University of **Bristol** Dental Hospital
- 12 **Salisbury** District Hospital
- 13 John Radcliffe Hospital, **Oxford**
- 14 Great Ormond Street Hospital, **London**
- 15 Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, **London**
- 16 Broomfield Hospital, **Chelmsford**



# THE WELSH CENTRE FOR CLEFT LIP AND PALATE

- Since 2006 Commissioned by WHSSC to cover Hywel Dda, Swansea Bay, Cwm Taf Morgannwg, Cardiff and Vale, Aneurin Bevan, Powys
- Service is hosted by SBUHB
- North Wales patients receive treatment in the North West MCN cleft service

# WHO DO WE SERVE?

Provide specialist care for:

- ❖ people with Cleft Lip and/or Palate (CLP) of **any age**
- ❖ people with non-cleft Velopharyngeal Dysfunction (VPD) of **any age**
- ❖ expectant mothers with a prenatal diagnosis of a baby with CLP



## FULLY FUNDED MDT 2019

Cleft surgeons, paediatric anaesthetists, consultant in paed dentistry, Consultant orthodontist, specialist speech and language therapists, Consultant paediatricians, Consultant ENT surgeon, audiological physicians, clinical nurse specialists, clinical psychologists, consultant restorative dentists, consultant geneticist, admin and clerical support

# USUAL PROTOCOL PAEDS

Cleft Category	Operation	Target age
Palate-involved	Lip + vomer	3 months
	Palate repair	6 months
Speech	All	ASAP
Lip only clefts	Lip repair	3 months
Alveolar Bone Grafts	ABG placement	When ready

# USUAL PROTOCOL ADULTS

- Adult surgery- waits are longer due to difficulty securing surgical capacity and beds
- With WHSSC funding 2019 dealt with 67 long waiters-10 remaining cases



# WHEN COVID HIT- MARCH 2020



# EARLY MONTHS INTO COVID....

- Listening to patients
- Documents/HB meetings/e-mails +
- Ethics committee
- WHSSC meetings +
- National meetings + (considering outsourcing)
- Paed Clinical Reference Group in MH (CRG)

# PATIENT STORIES

- Patients that complained were given the opportunity to tell their personal stories from their own perspective
- Used to raise level of concern at all meetings
- Patient voices needed to be heard

# MAIN CONCERN FOR PARENTS



# CASES WAITING AND ALLOCATED LISTS

April 2020	June-Dec 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	March- April 2021	May/June /July 2021
<b>No surgery- resumed June</b> <b>No outpatient clinics- resumed August</b>	1-2 list per month	2 lists per month MH	2 lists per month MH	4 lists per month MH
	1 Sat list MH (lips) Dec	2 Sat lists MH (lips) Feb	3 Sat lists CHfW	1 Sat list MH 1 Sat list CHfW
	Baby surgery (palate)	Baby and speech surgery	Baby, Speech and ABG surgery	Baby, Speech and ABG surgery
<b>Paeds patients</b>	Dec 2020	Feb	April	July
<b>0 waiting</b>	55	55	50	11 waiting
<b>Adults patients</b>				
<b>10 waiting</b>	29	30	36	39

# IMPACT ON TIMINGS OF SURGERY

Cleft Category	Operation	Target age	Age range
Palate-involved	Lip + vomer	3 months	6-7 months
	Palate repair	6 months	10-12 months
Speech	All	ASAP	Delayed over 1 year
Lip only clefts	Lip repair	3 months	12 months
Alveolar Bone Grafts	ABG placement	When ready	Delayed over a year



# CURRENT SITUATION

- Taken 16 months to address the backlog and treat paed patient within our usual protocols
- No adult surgery
- Need to address the adult cohort

# ADULT BACKLOG

- Cleft lip revision
- Cleft rhinoplasty
- Speech surgery
- Restorative dentistry/ implant
- Adults returning to the service

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- Follow us on Twitter- Cleft Team Wales
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Thank you for listening