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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

You asked:

- 1. Does MAIDSTONE AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS NHS TRUST have a dedicated inherited cardiac conditions team.*
- 1.a. If they do not have a dedicated team or would not treat the condition where would patients be referred to?*
- 1.b. Specifically, would MTW manage drug treatment up until the stage of surgery (septal ablation or surgical myectomy)?*
- 1.c. If surgery is not offered where would the patient be referred to?*

Trust response:

1. Yes. The Trust has a ICC consultant and a specialist arrhythmia nurse who provides assistance. In addition their work is supported by the cardiac physiologists who provide imaging and non-invasive diagnostic tests. The ICC consultant has a named link consultant at a tertiary centre (St Thomas') to provide support and is part of the weekly ICC MDT meeting at St Thomas. The Trust use the genetics team at St Thomas' for genetic counselling and testing. We also link with ICC colleagues at Barts Health NHS Trust and St Georges in London as required for specific patients.

1.a. Not applicable

1.b. Yes.

1.c. St Thomas' for procedures such as septal ablation or surgical myectomy after discussion in the MDT.