in UK, like Joint cardiology clinics, Paediatric telecardiology, local paediatricians with expertise in cardiology (PEC) and cardiac technicians.

Objective: To assess the Paediatric Cardiology Services provided by local PEC at Frimley Park Hospital by combining good clinical evaluation, echocardiography skills and support of tertiary paediatric cardiology centre in the absence of telemedicine. PEC attends once a week cardiology clinic at tertiary centre as honorary consultants.

Design and methods: Retrospective analysis of all the referrals to tertiary paediatric cardiology centre between October 2008 to February 2010. Data from the Proforma was collated in Excel and was analysed using simple statistical methods and percentage calculations.

Results: 80/92 referrals were analysed. The reasons for referral were: clinical 82.5%, family history 5%, and rhythm disturbances 11%. Acyanotic congenital heart disease (CHD) was diagnosed in 64% (of which 64% left to right, 29.4% obstructive lesions and 8% regurgitant lesions) and 8.75% of cases were diagnosed as cyanotic CHD. All cyanotic CHD were picked up immediately after birth.

10% were found to have rhythm disturbances (SVT, WPW).

2.5% of cases were classed as life threatening. 20% required interventions and 12.5% of the referral were normal and discharged.

Conclusions: Cardiology service provided by PEC with support from tertiary cardiology centre is safe and effective even in the absence of telemedicine. Weekly access to tertiary paediatric cardiology service by PEC provides continuous medical education, constructive feedback and opportunity to discuss non-urgent cases thereby avoiding unnecessary referrals.

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THE FIELD OF A DANISH NURSE SPECIALIST

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Background: The management of the paediatric department has required an increase and a consolidation of the quality of nursing in our specialized units in the paediatric ward.

Results: The outcome is the establishment of Danish Clinical Nurse Specialists in the units.

Aims: Research and development of paediatric nursing.

Methods: The following methods are utilized: Journal club, bed-side audits and teaching.

Qualifications: Relevant master degree e.g. MScN (Master of Clinical Nursing) or a diploma degree. Extensive practical knowledge in the area of specialisation. Continued education within the area of specialisation. Experience in literature searches. Audit of scientific literature. Experience with implementing new knowledge.

Sample: Danish paediatric nurses with a bachelor's degree, diploma degree or e.g. Master of Nursing Science.

Expectations: Coaching and support to develop nursing skills e.g. consisting of bed-side education, literature search and further education. Teaching colleagues in the area of specialisation. Developing evidence-based and reflective nursing practice. Initiating and completing research projects. Inspiring colleagues to be actively involved with projects in the ward. Encouraging and supporting colleagues interested in teaching.

Conditions of employment: The position is time limited and renegotiated every 3rd year. Salary is determined by union- and local agreements. The manager of the ward defines the specific agreements concerning time and resources.

Conclusions: We expect that our new functions will be able to contribute to a higher level of nursing.

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3RD CLINICAL CONSENSUS OF SIBEN, THE IBERO-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEONATOLOGY: NUTRITION ON THE NEWBORN

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Aims: To report the process and results of the 3rd SIBEN Clinical Consensus on Nutritional Management of the Newborn