**GIRFT Interventional Radiology Review Roll Out**

The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme is rolling out an Interventional Radiology review and invites your team to participate. This workstream follows a pilot review of Interventional Radiology (IR) services in England & Wales in 2022, led by Raghu Lakshminarayan. The Interventional Radiology workstream will be led by Alex Barnacle, supported by Gillian Kitching as Clinical Advisor.

Alex has been a consultant in paediatric interventional radiology at Great Ormond Street Hospital for 18 years and her clinical interests include vascular malformations, paediatric renal stone disease and interventional oncology. Alex sits on the Executive Committees for the British Society of Interventional Radiology (BSIR) and the Cardiovascular & Interventional Radiology Society of Europe (CIRSE). Alex is also a member of the Royal College of Radiologists’ IR Committee, a previous IR Travelling Professor for the College and authored the 2023 RCR document ‘Improving Paediatric IR services in the UK’ and a result, she has a strong interest in clinical service delivery improvements and equity of care for all. Gillian is a radiographer with over 18 years of experience in Interventional Radiology at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, including previously as an Advanced Practice Radiographer performing vascular access and nephrostomy exchanges. Since 2021 she has been the service lead at this busy IR centre and supports a team of 24 cross site radiographers.

The GIRFT review will focus on how IR services are delivered, with the aim of driving excellent clinical outcomes for the population. This will be achieved through reviews of performance metrics, patient outcomes and service delivery models at a local and regional level.

This review will be informed by outcome metrics and by evidence gained from submitted questionnaires and provider review visits to every centre that delivers interventional radiology services.

GIRFT will apply a specific methodology to the Interventional Radiology deep dive visits. The format for the work is as follows:

* Deep dive visits will be face to face or virtual.
* A pre-visit questionnaire is sent to each hospital to complete prior to the deep dive visits starting.
* The GIRFT team will create a data pack drawn from HES and DID, national audits and registries, along with other data sources applicable to IR. The team of health care analysts create something called a provider level report (PLR); we will use this, and the completed questionnaire, as the basis of our conversation on the day of the visit. The data pack will be available on FutureNHS website.
* Actions and good practice from the meetings will be shared with the attendees.
* Local implementation teams, including local GIRFT leads, will provide ongoing support following the deep dives.

The commitment from your centre will be to:

* Complete and return the attached Trust level questionnaire within 6 weeks of its receipt and before the deep dive visits begin.
* Circulate the calendar invite to all relevant representation across the IR service to join the visit, as well as representatives from other key specialties in the organisation such as anaesthesia, vascular surgery, oncology, and transplant, dialysis and diabetic services.
* To commit time for the Medical Director/s, Clinical Lead/s for Interventional Radiology, all consultants, and members of the multi-disciplinary team from across the organisation to attend the meeting.

We believe that trusts will recognise the value of the programme as all participants will receive an extensive, clinically delivered review of their key metrics and national context.

If your system would like to take up this invitation, then please contact us at [england.girft.central@nhs.net](mailto:england.girft.central@nhs.net)

We look forward to working with you on this exciting initiative which will undoubtedly prove valuable to patients, providers, and the profession as a whole.

Further information about the programme can be found at <http://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/> or alternatively, please contact Rebecca Dooley rebecca.dooley2@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely,

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