

Criteria for a Paediatric ITP Clinical Centre

Essential

A consultant paediatric haematologist who;

- is a named lead in ITP cases at the centre [Evidence: job description]
- is available to give advice/accept referrals regarding difficult cases of ITP, from consultant colleagues both within their own hospital and from surrounding centres [Evidence: patient demographics]
- is a member of the UK ITP forum [Evidence: minutes]
- regularly takes part in CPD to remain up to date in the management of ITP [Evidence: CPD returns]

The hospital must;

- have a named nurse lead for paediatric ITP [Evidence: job description]
- have local protocols for the management of ITP [Evidence: protocols]
- be actively involved in recruitment to the UK Childhood ITP Registry [Evidence: recruiting at least 50% of eligible patients]
- take part in local/national audit related to ITP [Evidence: audit]
- printed information available for patients with ITP [Evidence: information for families]
- raise awareness amongst ITP patients of available ITP support groups [Evidence: information leaflets]

Desirable

- have 24 hour consultant haematology cover [Evidence: rota]
- Review all ITP patients in one specified clinic, which is led by a consultant haematologist with a special interest in ITP [Evidence: clinic templates]
- Provide regional support through MDT [Evidence: TOR, minutes]
- Be consistent in its management of ITP [Evidence: audit]
- Take part in clinical trials investigating treatments for ITP [Evidence: trials]

*The ITP Registries have been adopted by NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) and therefore should receive support through the UK CRN (Clinical Research Network) Portfolio. Please contact your Local Research Network (LRN) to organise support as required. Similar facilities are available in the devolved administrations. Further information can be obtained at;

http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/processes/portfolio/benefits.htm