

Statement of Purpose

1. Aims and objectives

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital is a specialist adult cardiothoracic hospital and was authorised as an NHS foundation trust on 1st December 2009.

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital's mission is to provide *'excellent, compassionate and safe care for every patient, every day'*.

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital's vision is *'to be the best - leading and delivering outstanding heart and chest care and research'*

2. Services provided

The Trust is an organisation providing acute and community based services for the following regulated activities:

i) Treatment of disease, disorder or injury

The Trust treats diseases of the heart, chest and lungs through provision of cardiology, chest medicine, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery and cancer services.

The Trust treats patients with cystic fibrosis which is a chronic hereditary disease affecting the lungs and digestive system. The Trust has a large critical care facility enabling the treatment of post operative and critically ill patients.

ii) Surgical procedures

Surgical procedures provided include cardiac surgery (surgical revascularisation, valve replacement, aortic surgery and other major cardiac surgery); thoracic surgery (primarily for treatment of lung cancers or abnormalities of the pleura (lining of the chest).

Interventional cardiology procedures include stent implantation for relief of narrowings in the arteries supplying the heart; and electrophysiology procedures include device implantation and other treatments for the correction of abnormal heart rhythms.

iii) Diagnostic and screening procedures

Coronary angiography is provided in the Catheter Laboratories. The Trust also provides imaging - magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computerised tomography (CT) and position emission tomography (PET).

The Trust offers a sleep study diagnostic service to identify sleep disorders in patients of all ages, both at the hospital and in the local community.

Clinical respiratory physiology offers a full range of pulmonary function testing including a city-wide, national award winning, GP spirometry service every day, at designated health centres across Liverpool.

iv) Assessment and treatment of persons detained under the Mental Health Act 1983

The Trust recognises its responsibility under the 1983 Act, for the care and treatment of a person whilst they are detained.

The Trust provides community based services to the population of Knowsley for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of cardiovascular diseases and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. These services include consultant led clinics and diagnostics based in the community; a rapid response nursing team providing home visits and early supported discharge from acute settings; and rehabilitation services.

The Trust provides services to adults including older and younger people. Patients with cystic fibrosis are referred to the Trust from the RLCH Alder Hey from the age of 16. Children and young adults under the age of 16 may be admitted to LHCH in exceptional circumstances or for specialised medical or surgical treatment that cannot be obtained in a children's hospital.

3. Location

All services are provided from a single location and within identified community areas.

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