



## CLINICAL REVIEWERS REQUIRED

### Child Health Review: Cerebral palsy

NCEPOD has taken over the Child Health Review and is running two new studies, one on young people's mental health and one on chronic neurodisability, using the cerebral palsies as exemplar conditions. As part of the study we will be carrying out case note reviews to examine the quality and appropriateness of the care of a sample of patients.

The main thematic areas that will be addressed in this study are:

- Access to services (including pathways of care and clinical leadership)
- Service delivery for children and young people with cerebral palsies and their families
- Symptom management (including pain, posture and movement, nutrition, associated conditions, communication support and technology dependencies)
- Support services (including support in school, access to leisure activities, finance and support at transition to adulthood)
- Communication (including at diagnosis and in preparation for adulthood)
- Training for those providing direct care and those across workforce sectors
- Safeguarding and social care
- Transition to adult services
- Decision making
- Palliative and end of life care

All services that care for children and young people with cerebral palsies in the National Health Service and Independent sector in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and public hospitals in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey will be included in the study.

Data is being collected on people aged 0-25 years old with cerebral palsies who presented at a clinical setting over a six week period. These cases will be reviewed in detail by a multidisciplinary group of reviewers to assess the quality of care received.

We are looking for clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including paediatricians, physicians, paediatric nurses, general nurses, orthopaedic surgeons, general surgeons, rehabilitation physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, dieticians, intensive care specialists, pain specialists, learning disability specialists etc, to form a multidisciplinary group of reviewers. The role of the reviewer is to review each case and provide expert opinion on the patient care. You would typically be required to attend between four and six meetings which run from approximately 10:00 – 16:00. These meetings will be held at the NCEPOD offices in central London. Travel expenses will be paid. If you are successful in your application, the date for the reviewer training meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016; following this, meetings will run until approximately January 2017. **The closing date for applications is 25 March 2016.**

If you would be interested in acting as a reviewer for this study please send a copy of your CV including the names of two referees to the contact details below.

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