

Press Release

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NEW THREAT TO BROMPTON CF SERVICE

Cystic fibrosis services at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London are under renewed threat following a decision by NHS England that the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust should stop providing complex heart surgery for children there.

The Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust has [issued a statement](#) warning that withdrawing cardiac surgery services would have a knock-on effect on specialist respiratory services, including its world-renowned paediatric and adult CF centres. About one in 10 of the total number of people with cystic fibrosis in the UK receive their clinical care at the Brompton.

Ed Owen, Chief Executive of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust said: “We are deeply concerned at this decision and its potential impact on a vital cystic fibrosis service. Many of us had thought this proposal had been thwarted three years ago, but the threat has been renewed. On behalf of the hundreds of people with CF who receive their care at the Brompton we will be lobbying NHS England to think again to ensure that the quality of service they receive is not undermined.”

The Cystic Fibrosis Trust is committed to ensuring that every person with cystic fibrosis in the UK receives the best possible clinical care and is working with hospitals and clinical teams to achieve this.

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Notes to Editors

- Cystic Fibrosis is a life shortening genetic condition – only half will live to celebrate their fortieth birthday
- The Cystic Fibrosis Trust is the only UK-wide charity dedicated to fighting for a life unlimited for everyone affected by cystic fibrosis
- Two million people in the UK are carrying the faulty gene without realising it. You could be one of them. If two carriers have children, there's a one in four chance their child will have the condition, which slowly destroys the lungs and digestive system
- Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease caused by a faulty gene. This gene controls the movement of salt and water in and out of your cells, so the lungs and digestive system become clogged with mucus, making it hard to breathe and digest food
- People with cystic fibrosis often look perfectly healthy. But it's a lifelong challenge involving a vast daily intake of drugs, time-consuming physiotherapy and isolation from others with the condition. It places a huge burden on those around them and the condition can critically escalate at any moment

- To find out more about cystic fibrosis and the work of the Trust visit our website www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk
- To support our fight for a life unlimited by cystic fibrosis text BEATCF to 70500 to give £5 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. [Terms](#)

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