

Intestinal Failure Service Specification Response Form

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Respondent's Name	
Replying on behalf of organisation?	Yes/No
Respondent's Organisation (if applicable)	
Document responding to:	Draft Service Specification for Adult Intestinal Failure Specialised Services
Relevant CRG	Specialised Colorectal (Internal Medicine)

In reviewing adult specialist services for intestinal failure (IF), some changes have been proposed to the service specification, which sets out what NHS England expects from the providers who are delivering these services. The changes to the service specification have been highlighted in yellow.

The revised service specification will aim to commission two levels of IF Centres: Integrated IF Centres (surgical & medical) and HPN centres (medical only). This service specification relates to two types of IF – Type 2 and Type 3.

People who have Type 2 IF may be reliant on HPN (Home Parenteral Nutrition) for periods of time, but it is believed that the condition for some patients could be reversed with surgery or other treatment so that they can return to eating and drinking normally. People who have Type 3 IF are permanently reliant on HPN in order to have adequate nutrition and are unlikely to require further surgery.

Feedback from patients has highlighted concern that hospitals do not work closely together so that people are appropriately transferred between hospitals when their condition becomes more serious and specialist support is required. We are therefore planning to commission network services, where hospitals in each region would work together under the local leadership of the Integrated IF Centre.

In looking at the limited number of complex IF surgical procedures that are undertaken each year, and the need to ensure that these are performed by centres that have considerable expertise, this would mean that we would be commissioning fewer Integrated IF Centres. However it is not anticipated that this will affect the current provision of HPN Centres, so this would have limited impact for anybody living with Type 3 IF.

Do you agree with the proposal to commission fewer Integrated (surgical) IF Centres?

Do you agree with the plan to commission a networked model of centres, to ensure that in each region providers work together for the best interests of patients?

In addition we have specified some new quality standards to ensure that patient care in both Integrated IF Centres and HPN Centres meets the high standards of clinical care.

Do you agree with the new quality standards that have been introduced to the service specification?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed changes to the document?

1. YES
2. NO

If Yes, please describe below, in no more than 500 words, any further comments on the proposed changes to the service specification

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