

Outcome of remote critical care advice provided by specialized transport services, for resuscitation and management of children in local hospitals closer to their homes.

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Introduction:

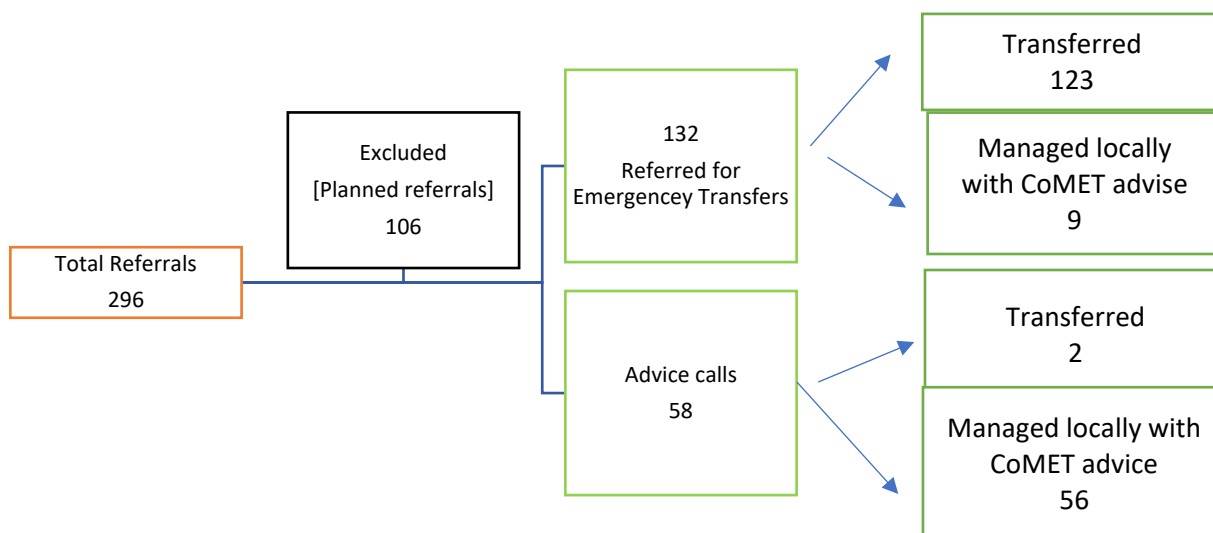
Paediatric tertiary care services in UK are centralized
Specialized paediatric retrieval services- are sought for critical care advice and support to District hospitals
Also – ‘Phone a friend support ‘for all paediatric issues.
Workload – not known
Effectiveness – not known.

Objective

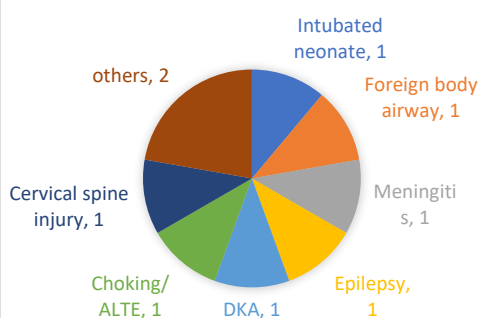
To study the outcome of advice referrals provided by CoMET – a specialized paediatric critical care retrieval service in UK.

All referrals to CoMET are logged in an electronic data base.

We reviewed the electronic case records of all referrals from January 21 till June 21.



CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS AT REFERRAL FOR TRANSFER BUT MANAGED LOCALLY



Average time commitment per patient on advice calls- 34 HOURS

CONCLUSION

An average of third of the referrals made to CoMET were for advice only.

Remote advices were effective in most cases and may avoid transfer in some.

Reassurance that remote advice by designated specialized services, can be safe in managing children closer to their homes.