



THE BATH TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS CLINIC

The Tuberous Sclerosis Association funded the initial development of a Tuberous Sclerosis clinic in the Department of Paediatrics at the Royal United Hospital NHS Trust at Bath. This clinic is under the personal direction of Professor John P. Osborne, Consultant Paediatrician, who has had a research interest in Tuberous Sclerosis for many years. Although Professor Osborne is a Consultant Paediatrician and spends the rest of his professional time looking after children, he is very willing to see adults in the clinic, using his experience of seeing adults with TSC for research.

A holistic service is offered to TSC patients, working as closely as possible with the patient's local health care team as well as other agencies.

Advice is offered in three main problem areas:

1. Assisting in the diagnosis where difficulties are often met.
2. Helping in the management of particular problems affecting people with Tuberous Sclerosis.
3. Investigating family members to see if they may or may not be affected and to give them advice as to the risks both for themselves as individuals and for any children they may wish to have.

The clinic is run by Professor Osborne and Jane Merrifield. Jane is a specialist nurse who is funded to work part time. Dr Finbar O'Callaghan, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, also assists in the clinic occasionally. There may be doctors in training also in the clinic.

Additional support is provided by Mrs Debbie Strudwick, Professor Osborne's full time Medical secretary who will also take messages.

It is not practical to expect the clinic to provide all the care for Tuberous Sclerosis patients, as this care is often better provided by the General Practitioner and other primary and secondary care teams in the area from which patients come. It is the clinic's intention to work as closely as possible with the local team to help provide the best care possible.

The clinic is held weekly, currently on Friday mornings. Referrals must be approved by the local PCT but if there is any difficulty, please ask them to discuss the referral with Professor Osborne.

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