

Challenging genetic disorders



Chronic Granulomatous Disorder Research Trust

The Clinical Psychology Service for CGD
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With your support
we can give
families hope and
help in the future

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***The Clinical
Psychology
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CGD is an inherited disorder of phagocytic cells, resulting in an inability to produce bactericidal superoxide anions. This leads to recurrent life-threatening bacterial and fungal infections. Living with CGD has a big impact on quality of life and living with this chronic condition can be extremely stressful not only for the individual but for the families involved. The CGD Research Trust's mission is to fund research into the treatment and management of CGD and to provide valuable support and information for the affected community.

***Information on
the service
provided***

Following consultation with our membership the Trust identified a real and urgent need for a CGD specific psychologist service to deal with feelings of anger, depression, frustration, unhappiness, and isolation. The Clinical Psychology Department at Salisbury, run by Dr North, is being funded by the CGD Research Trust to provide a service to its members. This service aims to help individuals who have the condition *and also* their families. It is not meant to replace provision within the NHS but aims to extend the provision available.

Please contact Rosemarie Rymer at our head office for further details.

This service will form part of a co-ordinated service for people affected by CGD comprising of a paediatric CGD specialist nurse based at Great Ormond Street Hospital and an adult nursing service at Wythenshawe Hospital in Manchester (from January 2008), all funded by the CGD Research Trust.

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The Service

Such difficulties may include:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Body Image problems
- Relationship issues
- Adjustment problems
- Anger Control
- Cognitive Difficulties

This list is not exhaustive and there may be other problems with which individuals need help.

Referrals

Dr North is very keen to work with you in helping people with psychosocial issues and to receive referrals from you. He can also offer an advice service and we can be contacted by phone, fax or letter to offer help and advice about any issues you think may be relevant.

He also offer a self-referral service so that individuals and/or their families can contact us directly to arrange appointments or obtain help and advice from our service.

Dr North would at all times keep you informed about people referred to our service and in this way we would hope to promote a truly holistic approach for people.

Who will be involved?

The project will be headed by the **Dr Nigel North**, at Salisbury District Hospital who has worked in the field of Clinical Psychology applied to a healthcare setting for over twenty years. He has a special interest in chronic conditions and cognitive problems and is widely published in the areas of