



## Statement on the Consultant Sign-off QIP January 2024

Regarding the Consultant Sign-off QIP, the following principles should apply:

- Discussion (without physical review) is acceptable.
- Physical review is not mandatory and at the discretion of the consultant (depending on multiple factors eg. patient acuity, healthcare practitioner's experience).
  - i. Consultants can be trusted to decide which cases need a physical review and which just need a discussion.
  - ii. Trainees need to feel their decision making is important, meaningful and valued and an 'automatic' physical review will not always be the outcome of an a CSO specific condition.
  - iii. Patients should not be subjected to pointless physical reviews just to 'tick the CSO box'.
- Documentation of discussion or review can be by the original assessor (even if physical review has taken place) or by the consultant; however, it should be clear in the clinical record as to whether the case was "discussed with" or "seen by".

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