

## Paediatric Nurse-led Virtual Thyroid Clinic

### What does this clinic do?

The Nurse-led Virtual Thyroid Clinic helps improve continuity of care for patients by ensuring blood test results for thyroid function are reviewed and treatment is regularly monitored without the need to attend hospital so often.

### How is this clinic 'virtual'?

You/your child does not need to attend hospital – the clinic is held via telephone calls made by the Paediatric Endocrine Nurse.

Blood test results are monitored by the clinical team and depending on the result, the nurse will tell you over the telephone whether your/your child's medication dose needs to be adjusted.

### How often will these 'virtual follow-ups' be?

The Endocrine Nurse will use the Virtual Clinic to review your/your child's blood test results and medication dosage with you once a year. You will still need to have an appointment face to face at the hospital between Virtual Clinic appointments so that you/your child can be measured and weighed to check on their developmental progress.

### If you have any questions about this clinic, please contact:

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