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# Conversion Disorder in children under sixteen years of age

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

## General Information

Hospital or centre:.....

Consultant Responsible for diagnosis of reported Case: .....

Person completing Questionnaire: .....

Contact Telephone Number: .....Email.....

**Patient details:**

1.1. Patient NHS Number: (if available).....

1.2. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):                      /   /

1.3. Sex (please circle):                            Male / Female

1.4. Post-code (first part only):               

Date child presented:   /   /

Date form completed:   /   /

**Patient ethnicity (please tick):**

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|----------|--|--------|---|
| WHITE:   | <input type="checkbox"/> British                   | BLACK: | <input type="checkbox"/> African                |
|          | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish                     |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean              |
|          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)    |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below) |
| MIXED:   | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean | ASIAN: | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi            |
|          | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian                 |
|          | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian           |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani              |
|          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)    |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below) |
| CHINESE: | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                   | OTHER: | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below) |

**2.1. If "Other" chosen, please describe: .....**

**For further information or queries, please contact: Dr Cornelius Ani**

**Please return completed form in the pre-paid envelope to: Dr Cornelius Ani  
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## Presenting clinical details

**1. Did this young person present with one or more motor or sensory symptoms not medically explained by history, physical examination or investigations (excluding primary fatigue/malaise presentations)?**

Yes  No

**2. Is there evidence that the symptom(s) have been intentionally produced by the child?**

Yes  No

**3. Has any of the symptoms lasted 7 days or longer?**

Yes  No

**4. Is this the first episode of Conversion Disorder (i.e. medically unexplained motor/sensory symptoms)?**

Yes  No, recurrence  Not Known

If a recurrence, how many previous episodes?:.....

**5. Is there a history of any of the following psychiatric conditions diagnosed by a psychiatrist in this child prior to onset of this episode of conversion disorder?**

Depressive disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any anxiety disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
School phobia	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct or oppositional defiant disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Bipolar Affective Disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any Psychotic illness	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Attention deficit hyperactivity (hyperkinetic) disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other mental disorder (please state):			

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**6. Is there another current psychiatric condition diagnosed by a psychiatrist in this child?**

Depressive disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any anxiety disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
School phobia	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct or oppositional defiant disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
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Any other mental disorder (please state):			

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**7. Is there a history of a medical condition requiring paediatric inpatient and or outpatient consultation in this child in the one year to onset of Conversion disorder?**

Please state what medical condition and indicate if still active at time of diagnosis of Conversion Disorder?

<u>Medical condition</u>	<u>Indicate if still active</u>			
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>	

## Family History Details

**8. Is there a history of psychiatric disorder in a biological or step-parent or biological or step-sibling of this child currently or within a year to the onset of this episode of conversion disorder?**

Depressive disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any anxiety disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Bipolar Affective Disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Any Psychotic illness	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol and or drug dependence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Posttraumatic stress disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Conversion disorder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other mental disorder (please state condition and which relative(s) are affected):

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**9. Is there a history of medical disorder requiring outpatient and or inpatient treatment in a biological or step parent or biological or step sibling currently or within a year to the onset of Conversion disorder in this child?**

Asthma	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes Mellitus	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Arthritis	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Neurological except epilepsy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer of any type	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Heart Disease of any kind.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Relationship to child-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other physical disorder (please state condition and which relative(s) are affected):

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## Clinical details

**10. How long was the period between the first appearance of a typical symptom or sign of conversion disorder to confirmation of the diagnosis?**

<1 week     ≥1week to <1 month     ≥1 month to <6 months     ≥12 months

**11. Has the child experienced any of the following life stresses within a year to the onset of this episode of conversion disorder?**

Parental separation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Death of a relative or friend	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Bullying requiring school action	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Abuse requiring Social Services referral	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital admission of a parent or sibling	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
School examination e.g. 11 plus, GCSE	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Break-up with a best friend	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other stress you consider significant (please state):

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## Main symptoms at presentation and after diagnosis

**12. Please indicate which of the following feature(s) had been present for up to 7 days from when the child first presented until the time the diagnosis of this episode of conversion disorder was confirmed?** (tick as many features as apply and include features that may have resolved after 7 days)

Pseudo seizure	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Motor weakness	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Paralysis	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal movements	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing disturbance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Visual disturbance.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal or loss of speech	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Diminished consciousness.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

### OTHER ASSOCIATED FEATURES

Pain	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Fatigue	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Anaesthesia / Paraesthesia	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Dysphagia (including lump in throat).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Please describe -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Vomiting	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
La belle indifference (e.g. marked lack of concern in the child about severity of symptoms / signs).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Possibly <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other feature not mentioned.  
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**13. Please indicate which of the following features subsequently appeared after the diagnosis of this episode of conversion disorder had been confirmed?** (include any features that appeared for the first time after the diagnosis had been confirmed and until the time of completion of this questionnaire)

Pseudo seizure	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Motor weakness	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site-----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Paralysis	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal movements	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing disturbance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe site -----	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
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Vomiting	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
La belle indifference (e.g. marked lack of concern in the child about severity of symptoms / signs).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Possibly <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other feature not mentioned.  
 .....

## Investigations

**14. Please indicate if any of the following investigations were performed**

(if yes, please indicate site assessed where possible)

					<b>If yes, site assessed</b>
EEG	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		
Nerve conduction	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		.....
MRI	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		.....
CT scan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		.....
X-Rays	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		.....
EMG	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		.....
Video telemetry	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>		

Any other investigations not yet mentioned (excluding routine blood and Urine tests):

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## Management

**15. Did the child require admission to hospital for this episode of conversion disorder?**

Yes  No  Not Known

If the child has already been discharged, what was the total duration of hospital admission? ..... (days)

If the child has not been discharged, what is the total duration of admission to date? .....(days)

**16. Were psychotropic medications prescribed for another co-existing psychiatric disorder?**

Yes  No  Not Known

If "yes", please specify the medication(s) .....and the disorder(s).....

**17. Please indicate which of the following health professionals, services, or agencies have been providing care for this child during this episode of conversion disorder?**

General paediatrician	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Paediatric Neurologist	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Child Psychiatrist	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Physiotherapist	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Occupational therapists	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical psychologist	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Psychologist	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Social worker	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>
Education (e.g. Teachers)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Known <input type="checkbox"/>

Any other professional or agency not yet mentioned:

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## Thank you

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire. The investigations and treatment may be complete for this child, or there may be further tests or more information expected. If you believe this to be the case would you please indicate in the relevant boxes below.**

Information likely to be complete

Further information likely to become available

If further information is likely, when would be a suitable time for us to contact you

again

3 months

6 months

12 months

Please give a means of contact (tel, fax, email, or address) and we suggest you retain a record of the child's identity so you can trace the notes when we contact you again