Somerville Heart Foundation (SHF) have started a new ACHD (Adult Congenital Heart Disease) patient only group.

The original Somerville ACHD patient group on Facebook was set up many years ago by a volunteer on behalf of the organisation and when social media was a relatively new concept.

Over time, social media has grown considerably and so has the group. We created our new membership scheme in 2021, so from then onwards anyone asking to join the group had to be a member of SHF first.

To ensure SHF are able to run the group for the benefit of patients we have made the decision to set up a new group that is for ACHD patients that are over 18 only. Given Facebook/Meta rules, the easiest way for SHF to be sole admins was to create a new ACHD patient only group. Our moderators will, of course, remain on hand.

Members of the new group need to be members of Somerville Heart Foundation and uphold the inclusive and non-judgemental principals of SHF by agreeing to the rules. We would love all ACHD patients to join the new group and encourage you to leave the old one. Because the new group is only open to SHF members, this will mean some people have had to take the additional step of joining SHF and agreeing to more in-depth group rules than they may have originally signed up to, and which are designed to protect group members and the reputation of the charity.

If you stay in the original group, it will eventually close, of course, we appreciate this means losing a great deal of historical information, including comments and

photos. You are also welcome to remove your own comments from the old group.

When you have joined the new group, please introduce yourself and re-connect with all your friends and fellow ACHD patients.

Thank you for your patience while we are admitting everyone into the new group..