There has been widespread interest in paediatric interstitial lung disease over many years. Important initiatives have included European [E1] and UK [E2] wide surveys which were arguably the first European attempts to address these rare lung diseases. This was the stimulus for a European Respiratory Society taskforce, published in 2004 [E2]. Other important initiatives have been the British Paediatric Orphan Lung Disease Registry [E3], and the French [E4] and German registries [E5]. During this odyssey, there has been increasing emphasis on central evaluation of these rare conditions, drawing on wider expertise than could be expected in a single centre.

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