

FOI 2703

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Does your trust provide community-based bronchiectasis services?

Response:

Yes the Community Respiratory Team in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) accepts referrals for patients with a confirmed diagnosis of bronchiectasis. These can be seen at an outpatient community clinic or in the patient's own home or normal place of residence e.g. Private Nursing or Residential Care Home as required. Patients can also be referred for Specialist Respiratory Physiotherapy education and advice.

The Community Respiratory Teams in the SHSCT also provide pulmonary rehabilitation services. Bronchiectasis patients who meet the inclusion criteria can avail of this service also.

The SHSCT Community Respiratory Team also manages the Home Oxygen assessment and review service for all respiratory patients within the SHSCT.

Does your trust provide services dedicated to complex bronchiectasis?

Response:

The Community Respiratory Team in the SHSCT, provides services to patients experiencing a range of different respiratory conditions. Among those dealt with, are many patients with complex bronchiectasis presentations. When identified, the Team can refer patients into the acute hospital setting for colomycin and hypertonic saline challenges to help in the management of complex secretion problems and colonised bacterial infections.

Does your trust provide community-based services treat complex respiratory conditions such as COPD, interstitial lung disease?

If yes, please fill in:

- **Name of provider**

Response:

Community Respiratory Team – SHSCT

- **Number of patients contracted/treated in past year**

Response:

Total number of all referrals for patients with a confirmed respiratory diagnosis into the Community Respiratory Team SHSCT 10/10/23 -10/10/24 inclusive equates to 2,610 patients.

- **Address of provider:**

Response:

There are 3 locality teams providing Trust-wide cover for the SHSCT.

These include:

1. Newry & Mourne Community Respiratory Team - Base in Archways , Cloughreagh, Millvale Rd , Bessbrook , Newry Co.Down BT35 7EH
2. Armagh & Dungannon Community Respiratory Team, base in Mullinure Health and wellbeing Centre, Loughgall Rd, Armagh, Co.Armagh BT61 7NQ and
3. Craigavon & Banbridge Community Respiratory Team, Base Lurgan Health & Social Services, 100 Sloan Street Lurgan, Co. Armagh BT66 8NT.

Are the community service providers authorised to treat patients with any of the following drug types?

- **Monoclonal antibodies**

Response:

The Community Respiratory team are not involved in this treatment, however this would not exclude them from being seen by the team for other reasons if they have been referred and have a confirmed respiratory diagnosis.

- **Nebulised or infusion polymyxins/aminoglycosides antibiotics e.g. Colomycin or Gentamicin.**

Response:

Not initiated by the Community Respiratory Team in the SHSCT, however the Community Respiratory Team support patients in the community who are prescribed this from the acute setting.

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