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Service Provider Mersey Care NHS Trust

Community Respiratory Service Referrals

What we do

Community Respiratory Teams provide a rapid access, specialist service, to help people with a diagnosed respiratory condition including Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), Bronchiectasis and Asthma, to manage their condition and prevent exacerbation of their symptoms. Services include:

Early Supported Discharge

This service is for patients with an acute exacerbation of COPD. Patients registered with a Sefton GP who have been admitted to hospital, or who have attended Accident and Emergency or Medical Assessment Unit with an exacerbation of COPD, can be assessed by a Nurse Practitioner to determine whether, with suitable medication, nursing and social support they can be safely cared for at home and have their discharge expedited. The service operates seven 10am - 6pm, 7 days a week and accepts referrals from health professionals within acute hospitals.

The service also offers the below:

Hospital at Home Service

This service is for patients registered with a Sefton GP who have a confirmed diagnosis of COPD by spirometry with an acute exacerbation of COPD. In particular patients in whom emergency admission to hospital could potentially be avoided by timely assessments and on-going management at home.

Sefton Community Respiratory Team offer a 2 hour response service following acceptance of a referral, which can be accessed through Sefton Single Point of Contact Service 0151 475 4208, during the hours 10am - 4pm (currently being reviewed).

Patients who have been provided with this service can be offered a community respiratory appointment for a specialist review by one of the Respiratory Consultants or Respiratory Specialist Nurses after discharge. You can be referred by your GP, Community Matron or Practice Nurse via Sefton Single Point of Contact: 1051 475 4208.

COPD Optimisation Appointments

Patients who have been admitted to Aintree University Hospital or Southport and Ormskirk District General Hospital, with an exacerbation of COPD who are not already under a Chest Consultant can be referred for a Community COPD Optimisation review.

Referrals

Referrals can be made by phone to the relevant hospital:

University Hospital Aintree
Longmoor Lane
Fazakerley L9 7AL
Tel: 0151 529 0674
Fax: 0151 529 2915

Southport District General Hospital
Town Lane
Southport
PR8 6PW
Tel: 01704 70 4915
Fax: 01704 70 4922

Sefton Community Respirator Team has a combination of Respiratory Specialist Nurses, Specialist Chest Physiotherapists and Assistant Practitioners who are supported by Respiratory Consultants. The team can provide comprehensive and specialist support for respiratory patients in Sefton.

Link to web page <http://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/gps-and-referrers/physical-health-referrals/community-respiratory-service-referrals/>