

Community Respiratory Team

The service provides specialist input for patients with a chronic respiratory disease.

Teams bases:

Peterborough, Cambridge, Doddington and Huntingdon. Each team consists of respiratory specialist nurses, physiotherapists and assistants. The service is for patients with a diagnosis of COPD, Bronchiectasis and Pulmonary Fibrosis.

What we do:

Respiratory assessments, exacerbation management, admission avoidance, discharge reviews, optimising of medication, breathlessness management, chest clearance, pulmonary rehabilitation and oxygen therapy (to commence in Peterborough) and end of life support.

How we work:

Our working hours are 8-4pm Mon to Fri (excluding bank holidays). As well as routine slots we have priority slots for urgent home visits that day.

Referrals for urgent assessment:

From patients on caseload, GP's, A and E, paramedics. Phone call made to hub (03307260077). Each team has on call mobile number as well as individual work phones. Either for advice, home visit that day or the following day as required.

Referrals for routine assessments

Either to hub or email on referral form. For patients for routine support: triaged by community respiratory team for either home visit or clinic.

Enhanced Respiratory Clinics:

These are run by specialist nurses and physiotherapists with plans for smoking cessation and psychological wellbeing support. The clinics are suitable for patients who experience frequent exacerbations and breathlessness. They can also provide physiotherapist chest clearance. The clinics are based in:

- **Healthy Living Centre, Peterborough** weekly
- **Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon** weekly
- **North Cams Hospital Wisbech** every other week
- **Princess of Wales, Ely** weekly
- **Doddington** every other week
- **Brookfields (Cambridge)** every other week.

Direct access for GP's to book into clinics.



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