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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 24th October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Bronchiectasis Pathway.

1. Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway?

Yes

2. If no,

a) why?

b) Is there a plan to implement one?

c) And how so?

d) Will it be based on the NICE and British Thoracic Society Guidelines?

3. If yes,

a) please provide when the current Bronchiectasis pathway was implemented.

2021

Are they based on the NICE and British Thoracic Guidelines?

Yes or No?

No

b) Is physiotherapy a key part in your trusts acute Bronchiectasis management?

Yes or No?

Neither the BTS or NICE guidelines refer to the use of physiotherapy in the management of acute exacerbations.

c) Since implementation, are more patients being referred to physiotherapy?

Information not held.

d) Has there been an improvement in patient outcomes/management of bronchiectasis?

Information not held.

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e) Pre and post implementation, what are the referral statistics to physiotherapists?

Information not held.

4. Patient's being admitted into hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis, are they being referred to physiotherapists on admission?

If inpatients with bronchiectasis need input, the on-call physiotherapy team are contacted by telephone, and will see patients within a few hours, 24 hours a day.

5. Average waiting time for referral to physiotherapists?

Information not held.

6. How do you refer to a physiotherapist? Paper, digital or verbal communication?

On-call physiotherapy team are contacted by telephone.

7. If there is a referral form to physiotherapy, what does this consist of?

Referral is by telephone/Vocera for inpatients and consultant letter for outpatients.

8. Is there a criteria for a patient (admitted with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis) that they need to meet for a referral to physiotherapy?

No

a) If so, what are the criteria?

N/A

9. What have been the goals of the trust since the implementation of the Bronchiectasis pathway?

No fixed goals.

a) And has there been improvement?

N/A

b) Are the goals being achieved?

N/A

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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