

BREATHE IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE - RESPIRATORY UPDATE FOR PRIMARY CARE

The Breathe in the Community Service transferred from BHNFT to SWYPFT on the 1st July 2021. The nursing team are now based within their neighbourhood areas and are in the process of arranging appointments with GP practices to introduce themselves and to discuss the support they can offer.

The service provides community-based specialist respiratory nursing input to patients with a diagnosed respiratory condition in patients' homes and in community clinics across the six neighbourhoods. The team are available to accept referrals from primary care, offer advice and guidance and to speak with the practice team to provide more information about our service offer. Referral proformas are available on the BEST website and via your practice clinical systems. We are in the process of updating the referral proformas to ensure as much information is uploaded from the patient record, these will be sent out when in due course.

The Breathe service is in the process of setting up weekly nurse-led respiratory clinics within the six neighbourhood areas. Clinics will offer:

- Specialist nursing respiratory assessment
- Long term oxygen therapy assessment
- Ambulatory oxygen assessment, including walk tests (commencing September 2021)
- Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FENO) testing clinics (commencing September 2021) – referral and pathway information to follow.

Please contact the Single Point of Access (SPA) via the following email address

swy-tr.rightcarebarnsleyintegratedspa@nhs.net or via phone on **01226 644575** or for any urgent matters or to make a patient referral into the service.

For any non-urgent advice and guidance queries these can be sent to the service's specific email address:

breathe.service@nhs.net.

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The Breathe Respiratory Team:

Please find details below of the Neighbourhood Specialist Respiratory Nurses aligned to each area.

Central	Ria Ellis Rosemary Boughton
Dearne	Louise Fisher Tom Walton (Senior Nurse)
North East	Lynne Long Gemma Latham (Start date to be confirmed)
North	Sarah Newsome Hollie Peet (Commencing in post late August)
Penistone	Glenys McCrum Samantha Wagstaff
South	Victoria Holden Rebecca Andrew (Commencing in post late August)
Team Leader/Senior Nurse (Peripatetic)	Laura Gill

Respiratory Consultant Support: -

The service is supported on a part-time basis by two respiratory consultants:

- Mark Longshaw (working Monday – Wednesday, 8.30-9.30am)
- Akhtar Akhtar (working Thursday – Friday, 8.30-9.30am).

The consultants will provide:

- Advice and guidance to primary care. **(Phone-based and Email) - 8:30-9:30am Monday to Friday.** Telephone support is a resource that enables patients and GPs to quickly access specialist advice. Please phone the SPA on **01226 644575** and ask to speak to the respiratory consultant. The SPA advisor will re-direct your call or pass a message onto the consultant to return the call.
- Community based clinics
- Home visits

PLEASE NOTE: The former BHNFT Breathe Service Respiratory Advice and Guidance E-Referral Service option has now been closed and therefore any respiratory related queries should be directed via the SPA.

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Respiratory Consultant Clinics: -

When referring in, please complete the Breathe referral proforma, select the “Respiratory Consultant Clinic”, mark the urgency and email to swy-tr.rightcarebarnsleyintegratedspa@nhs.net or send a task to the Neighbourhood Teams unit on SystemOne. Our administration staff will contact the patient and arrange a clinic assessment. Please indicate on the referral if a patient is housebound or unable to attend clinic.

When to refer to the Respiratory Consultant community clinic: -

- Diagnostic uncertainty (please ensure spirometry / chest x-ray has already been undertaken to avoid any unnecessary delays in diagnosis and treatment).
- No history of cigarette smoking/noxious gas exposure.
- Mismatch between symptoms and objective tests.
- Confounding important co-morbidities.
- Any restrictive pattern on spirometry.
- Severe disease at presentation or rapidly declining symptoms or lung function.
- Onset of symptoms under 40 years of age or family history of alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency.

Patient clinics are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings and rotate on a 3-weekly basis at the following venues: -

- Darton Health Centre (North)
- Penistone Clinic (Penistone)
- Worsbrough LIFT Centre (Central)
- Chapelfield Medical Centre (South)
- Thurnscoe LIFT (Dearne)
- Cudworth Centre (North East)

Mark and Akhtar will be based at Worsbrough LIFT on the days when they are not in clinics.

For any queries relating to this new service or any feedback please contact: -

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