

# Community Respiratory Team



## Referral information for health and care professionals

### Who are we?

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Our experienced team specialises in supporting patients aged 18 and over with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). The service is delivered by Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in partnership. Individuals will have input from respiratory nurse specialists, respiratory physiotherapists and clinical support workers at home, in hospital, pulmonary rehabilitation and clinics (including oxygen). We also deliver education for other healthcare professionals.

The Community Respiratory Team provides a specialist service targeting the management of COPD in the community. The aim of the service is to improve the quality of life of patients with COPD, enhancing self-management and providing patient choice.

### What do we offer?

- Support during hospital discharge and to prevent hospital admissions.
- Home Ward (Respiratory) to support early discharge from hospital and more intensive support to avoid hospital admission.
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation which includes exercise and education.
- Oxygen clinics for long term use of oxygen for a variety of respiratory conditions (HOSAR - Home Oxygen Service and Review).
- Chest physiotherapy for COPD / Bronchiectasis.
- Nurse intervention.
- Home visits.

### Who is the service for?

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The service is here to support adults in Leeds aged 18 and over with a confirmed diagnosis of COPD and patients meeting the criteria for oxygen as per NICE guidelines.

You can find out more at [West Yorkshire COPD Guidelines](#) due for publication Jan 24.

### What are the benefits?

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The aim is to improve and support the quality of life of patients by enhancing self-management and providing patient choice.

We provide a multidisciplinary approach to care which means a team of specialists from different areas input into the care we provide.

Our physiotherapy colleagues can offer advice and support on chest clearance, mucous plugging, breathing techniques and secretion clearance devices.

The Community Oxygen Service provides a specialist service for the assessment and ongoing review of oxygen therapy.

The Home Ward (Respiratory) provides a specialist service targeting the management of COPD in the community alongside the integrated community respiratory team to avoid hospital admission where it is safe to do so.

## Referral information

### Who can make a referral?

Any healthcare professional can make a referral.

Patients may self-refer if they are already known to the service.

### How do I refer?

GPs can complete an e-referral form on **DART**. Other healthcare professionals can refer via email, or by the referral link on [Leeds Care Pathways](#)

Patients can self-refer if they are known to the team, by emailing us on [leedsintegrated.copdservice@nhs.net](mailto:leedsintegrated.copdservice@nhs.net) or by calling **0113 843 4200**.

To refer to the Home Ward (Respiratory), healthcare practitioners in Leeds can call **07739 970 431**.

### What happens next?

Once a referral is reviewed and accepted, this is then passed to the neighbourhood area for a Respiratory Specialist to book for home visit or clinic.

The aim for hospital discharges is that patients receive a telephone call from a clinician within 72 hours of referral, and home visit/clinic appointment made at this time.

Chronic Disease Management (CDM) referrals aim to be seen within two weeks of referral.

## Service operating hours:

The service operates seven days a week.

The core respiratory team is available from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

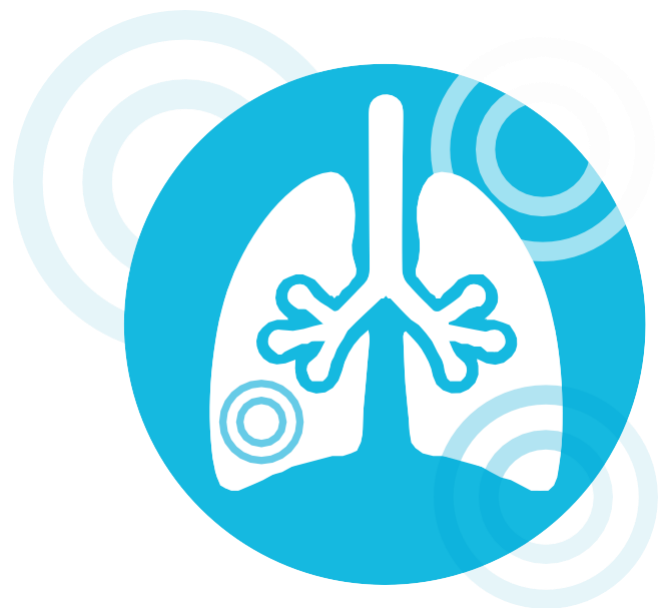
## Contact details

You can contact our Co-ordinator Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm by calling

**0113 843 4200**

or by emailing

[leedsintegrated.copdservice@nhs.net](mailto:leedsintegrated.copdservice@nhs.net)



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