Stafford and Cannock Respiratory and Home Oxygen Service, Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent NHS Partnership Trust

Respiratory and home oxygen services in the community in the Stafford and surrounds, Cannock and Rugeley areas provided by teams of specialist nurses and physiotherapists.

Hospital respiratory physicians work closely with the service, providing twice-weekly multidisciplinary meetings within the community, as well as meetings in GP practices. Each meeting is attended by a specialist respiratory physiotherapist, specialist respiratory nurses and the local community-based home oxygen service. It offers the opportunity to discuss complex patients, and deliver a co-ordinated, patient-focused care plan which incorporates palliative care and social services.

In addition to ongoing management, education and support for any respiratory condition, (including CAP ongoing management and the provision of IV antibiotics through the community support team), the service offers a responsive service to patients who are acutely unwell and need support during an exacerbation. This flexible approach provides care closer to home.

Support from other services, such as the Trust's Community Intervention Service (CIS), enable them to provide a 7-day service to wrap around the patient.

The respiratory service also provides a comprehensive community based multi-disciplinary NICE compliant pulmonary rehabilitation service accessible to all respiratory patients registered with GPs within Stafford or Cannock, which includes both educational and exercise elements.

Redesign of the oxygen pathway has resulted in 37% reduction in prescriptions, improved clinical outcomes and an average £9,000 per month cost saving

Redesign of the COPD pathway and integration of patient management has resulted in a reduction in COPD emergency admission activity over two years.

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