

Shropshire Community Respiratory Team

COPD Service

Referrals will only be accepted if the patient has a confirmed diagnosis of COPD
either by Spirometry or Imaging and an up to date EMIS.

Referrals accepted via RAS (Referral Assessment Service) or email shropcom.rnurses@nhs.net

Services Provided

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| • Nurse-Led COPD Clinics | * Post discharge support |
| • Domiciliary Visits | * Medication optimisation |
| • Exacerbation management/monitoring | * Oxygen assessment clinics |
| • COPD self management workshops | * Proactive case management |
| • Advanced Care Planning | |

Who can refer?

- GP's
- Consultants
- Specialist Nursing Teams, i.e. Matrons, Palliative Care, Nurses, Other Specialist Nursing services and AHP's
- Self referral—Patient/relative (must have had contact with the service in the last 12 months)

Criteria

- Patients have worsening of their symptoms despite maximal therapy
- Patients who have had 2 or more exacerbations in the previous 12 months
- Patients who have had a previous hospital admission with exacerbation of COPD in the previous 12 months
- Patients who require a nebuliser assessment
- Patients who require post hospital discharge review
- Patients who require a formal oxygen assessment or review (see Oxygen referral pathway)

Additional Information

At each consultation the service will provide advice, support and education to the patient, in turn increasing the patients ability to self-manage their COPD. Once this has been achieved the patient will be discharged back to the care of the GP with a written self-management plan. They will have unlimited access to the service for 12 months after discharge and can self-refer during this time. After 12 months of no contact, a new referral will be required.

Service Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 4pm.

Clinics will be held at Louise House, Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Whitchurch and Oswestry

Please contact 01743 730034 for further information