

# Dudley Respiratory Assessment Service (DRAS)

## Respiratory Medicine Patient Information Leaflet

### Introduction

We are a team of healthcare professionals including nurses, physiotherapists, and doctors, specially trained to care for people with respiratory illness.

We will provide the necessary treatment and support to enable you to be cared for in your own home. This may include the loan of medical equipment, for example a nebuliser. A specialist nurse or physiotherapist will visit you or make telephone contact with you at home until your condition is stable.

The DRAS team will communicate closely with your respiratory consultant, GP and others involved in your care.

If you are worried about your chest while you are under our care, or you have any problems or queries, please contact the following numbers: -

## Contact numbers

### Weekdays

8.30am – 6.30pm: community DRAS team on 01384 323193.

### Weekends (non-urgent)

10.00am – 6.00pm: 01384 323193 and leave a message on the answerphone.

If you feel you are unable to wait until our service is open, then please call 111 for further advice or in the event of a medical emergency, please call 999.

Please let the DRAS team know, or ask a relative to let us know, if you are readmitted to hospital. Telephone the respiratory helpline on 01384 323193 and, if out of hours, leave a message.

## Useful numbers

### Pulmonary Rehabilitation

This is an exercise and education class for patients with chronic respiratory conditions. You can be referred by your GP or respiratory nurse. For more information, contact 01384 323773.

## Local services

### Citizens Advice England

For free, independent and confidential advice, call 0800 1448848

### The Dudley & District Breathe Easy Group

The Dudley & District Breathe Easy Group meets monthly and offers support and useful information to patients, carers and their families. Contact Laura Van den Heule on 01384 323773, or Elizabeth Sadler on 01384 244383 for more information.

## Additional information

Asthma & Lung UK

03000 030 555

<https://www.blf.org.uk/>

If you were satisfied with our service, you may want to register your comments or views by visiting our website:

<http://dgft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/get-involved/tell-us-what-you-think/>

If you have any concerns or complaints, please speak to the senior respiratory nurse by calling the respiratory helpline on 01384 244383. This is usually the quickest way to resolve any problems.

Alternatively, you can contact the Patient Advice Liaison Service (PALS) at [dgft.pals@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.pals@nhs.net) or by calling 0800 073 0510. PALS can support patients, relatives or carers when they have concerns or queries.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

The Dudley Respiratory Assessment Service on 01384 244383

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

**This leaflet can be downloaded or printed from:**

<http://dgft.nhs.uk/services-and-wards/respiratory-medicine/>

If you have any feedback on this patient information leaflet, please email [dgft.patient.information@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.patient.information@nhs.net)

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