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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I am sending this email as a Freedom of Information request regarding your trust's bronchiectasis pathway.

Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway for those admitted into hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis?

If no, why?

Is there a plan to implement one?

And how so?

Will it be based on the NICE and British Thoracic Society Guidelines?

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If yes, please provide when the current Bronchiectasis pathway was implemented.

Are they based on the NICE and British Thoracic Guidelines?

Is physiotherapy a key part in your trusts acute Bronchiectasis management?

Since implementation, are more patients being referred to physiotherapy?

Has there been an improvement in patient outcomes/management of bronchiectasis?

Pre and post implementation, what are the referral statistics to physiotherapists?

Patient's being admitted into hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis, are they being referred to physiotherapists on admission?

Average waiting time for referral to physiotherapists?

How do you refer to a physiotherapist? Paper, digital or verbal communication?

If there is a referral form to physiotherapy, what does this consist of?

Is there a criteria for a patient (admitted with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis) that they need to meet for a referral to physiotherapy?

If so, what are the criteria?

What have been the goals of the trust since the implementation of the Bronchiectasis pathway?

And has there been improvement?

Are the goals being achieved?

Response

We follow the BTS Bronchiectasis guidelines
There is an antibiotics policy for bronchiectasis
All patients admitted with infective exacerbations are reviewed by Respiratory team.
All patients on respiratory ward are reviewed by chest physiotherapy.

Currently there is no plan to develop a bronchiectasis guidelines, as the BTS guidelines are being followed.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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