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Subject: Implementation of Bronchiectasis Pathway

Q1 Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway?

A1 No

Q2 If no, why?

- a. Is there a plan to implement one and how so?
- b. Will it be based on the NICE and British Thoracic Society Guidelines?

A2 There is a non-cystic fibrosis, non-primary ciliary dyskinesia multidisciplinary team bronchiectasis clinic with set proformas based on the British Thoracic Society guidelines but no hospital specific ratified 'pathway'.

Q3 If yes, please provide when the current Bronchiectasis pathway was implemented.

- a. Are they based on the NICE and British Thoracic Guidelines?
- b. Is physiotherapy a key part in your trusts acute Bronchiectasis management?
- c. Since implementation, are more patients being referred to physiotherapy?
- d. Has there been an improvement in patient outcomes/management of bronchiectasis?
- e. Pre and post implementation, what are the referral statistics to physiotherapists?

A3 Information not held - As per A1

Q4 Are patients being admitted to hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis being referred to physiotherapists on admission?

A4 Yes

Q5 Average waiting time for referral to physiotherapists?

A5 Inpatient - within 24 hours
Outpatient - 18 weeks, but typically seen within 8 weeks

Q6 How do you refer to a physiotherapist? Paper, digital or verbal communication?

A6 Digital and verbal if urgent

Q7 If there is a referral form to physiotherapy, what does this consist of?

- a. 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?

A7 Information not held – There is no set criteria for referral.

Q8 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?

A8 Information not held – as per A1