Community Respiratory Service: Patient Referral Form Please ensure patient has a confirmed diagnosis of COPD

Signature of referring clinician (who has examined the patient within last 24 hours /48 hours at weekend)



Please complete all fields on this form in BLOCK CAPITALS using BLACK ink and FAX to Single Point of Access

For CRS admin:

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Current Medications (summary print out) Social and living circumstances (please tick):	
Lives alone	
Recent Antibiotics Dose Date Dependent on carer	
Recent oral steroids Dose Date Housebound	
Home Nebuliser	
Home Oxygen - LTOT / SBOT Lts Home visit safe as lone worker YES	NO
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Other relevant conditions We will directly contact the patient to arrange an assessment may be in clinic or at home according to their need	



Community Respiratory Service: Patient Referral Criteria

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Inclusion Criteria

- Be registered with a Blackburn with Darwen GP practice.
- Be an adult aged over 18 years.
- Have a diagnosis of COPD confirmed with spirometery.
- Are experiencing an acute deterioration in their COPD symptoms.
- Have consented to their referral to the service.
- Patients who have previously been seen by the Community Respiratory Services may refer themselves back to the service if they exacerbate with COPD in the future.
- Patients with severe to very severe COPD (FEV1 >49%) can be referred to the Community Respiratory
 Service for education & management. These patients may not be seen in the clinic on day of referral as not acutely unwell. They will be seen either at home or clinic according to need

Exclusion Criteria

- Tuberculosis
- Acute Asthma
- Unstable cardiac disease including chest pain of unknown origin
- Possible diagnosis of acute coronary syndrome
- Lung cancer under acute treatment
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Following trauma
- Reduced consciousness level
- Acute confusion
- Under 18's

Referral Route

Referrals to the Community Respiratory Services will be made via the Single Point of Access by telephone and fax. An up to date patient summary from the GP practice and any relevant clinic letters should be faxed through to SPA.

Referrals will be accepted up to two hours prior to close of business on a daily basis. Referrals made after this time will be next day contacts

The Team can be requested to contact the referrer directly by telephone, if further discussion is required about the needs of an individual patient.

The Team will notify the GP of all referrals received via other routes in order to ensure the engagement of medical staff in their patients care & maintain the profile of the service to GP's.

Referrers will be contacted to acknowledge that a referral has been received and is being actioned. The referrer will be informed of actions taken and plan of care