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Subject: Bronchiectasis pathway within an acute trust

Q1 Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway?

A1 No

Q2 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?

A2 No current plan to implement pathway.

Q3 If yes, please provide when the current Bronchiectasis pathway was implemented. Are they based on the NICE and British Thoracic Guidelines?

A3 Not applicable, as per A1

Q4 Is physiotherapy a key part in your trusts acute Bronchiectasis management?

A4 Yes

Q5 Since implementation, are more patients being referred to physiotherapy?

A5 Not applicable, as per A1

Q6 Has there been an improvement in patient outcomes/management of bronchiectasis?

A6 Not applicable, as per A1

Q7 Pre and post implementation, what are the referral statistics to physiotherapists?

A7 Not applicable, as per A1

Q8 Patient's being admitted into hospital with acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis, are they being referred to physiotherapists on admission?

A8 Yes, patients referred on day of admission as required.

Q9 Average waiting time for referral to physiotherapists?

A9 Patients referred on day of admission and assessed within 24 hours.

Q10 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?

A10 Digital referral.

Q11 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?

A11 No formal referral criteria.

Q12 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?

A12 Not applicable, as per A1.