



10 September 2024

Our Ref: RFI 59494

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Community Respiratory Service Mapping**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 22 August 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Medicine, Unscheduled Care and Cancer Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Community Respiratory Service Mapping

Q1. Does your trust provide community-based bronchiectasis services?

A1. Yes, the Trust provides assessment, exacerbation management and airway clearance within the patient's home, provided by the Community Respiratory Teams across the Trust. Pulmonary Rehabilitation is also available for Bronchiectasis patients, running from a variety of community settings.

Q2. Does your trust provide services dedicated to complex bronchiectasis e.g. those with frequent exacerbations, or comorbidities?

A2. Yes, the Trust has a dedicated bronchiectasis out-patient service across the Trust. This service is for those patients who are struggling to get on top of their infections. Antibiotic challenge clinics are also offered across the Trust to help find alternatives to frequent hospital admissions. Rapid Access appointments are also available at the Trusts complex disease, one-stop, bronchiectasis clinic within the Ulster Hospital.

Q3. Does your trust provide community-based services treat complex respiratory conditions such as COPD, interstitial lung disease? If yes, please complete table 1 below.

A3. Yes, the Trust provides community based services to treat complex respiratory conditions, please see Table 1 for the requested information.

Table 1

Name of Provider	Community Respiratory Service
No. of Patients Contracted/Treated in the Past Year	11,421
Address of Provider	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NDA Community Respiratory Team, Bangor Admin Building, Newtownards Road, Bangor, BT20 4LB 2. Lisburn Community Respiratory Team, Lagan Valley Hospital, 39 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, BT28 1JP 3. Downe Community Respiratory Team, Downe Hospital, 2 Struell Wells Road, Downpatrick, BT30 6RL

High-Cost drug propensity

Q4. Are the community service providers authorised to treat patients with any of the following drug types?

- **Monoclonal antibodies**
- **Nebulised or infusion polymyxins / aminoglycosides antibiotics e.g. Colomycin or Gentamicin**
- **Other high-cost drugs**

A4. Please see Table 2.

For the following specified treatments, patients are cared for by the Community Respiratory Teams within the Trust, however drug challenges themselves occur within an outpatient setting.

Table 2

Treatment	Authorised to Treat Patients?
Monoclonal Antibodies	No, this treatment is carried out within the Belfast Trust
Nebulised or Infusion Polymyxins/Aminoglycosides Antibiotics	Yes
Other High-Cost Drugs	Yes

Resource utilisation

Q5. What is the total resource funding utilisation in social care for exacerbating bronchiectasis, in the last financial year?

A5. In the last financial year the total resource funding was £33,785.

Q6. What/how much is funded from NHS budgets?

A6. There is no funds from NHS budgets.

Q7. What/how much is funded by social care budgets?

A7. There is no funds by Social Care Budgets.