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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6001

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 24th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Does the trust currently have a Bronchiectasis pathway?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have general respiratory conditions admitted for acute treatment . Therefore the Trust do not have a Bronchiectasis pathway

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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