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## Community Respiratory Service

### Community Respiratory Service Mapping

#### Does your trust provide community-based bronchiectasis services?

Yes the Community Respiratory Team provide treatment and ongoing management to patients with bronchiectasis. There are 178 patients currently on the caseload. They will receive education on disease management, treatment and referral to pulmonary rehabilitation. In the most severe cases we remain involved in the patient's palliative care and assess for oxygen therapy if this is indicated.

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

Yes the Belfast Trust does provide services for this cohort of patients both through the Bronchiectasis Team in the Belfast City Hospital and through the community respiratory team. Many patients have other comorbidities

There were 668 clinic attendances (new and review) to the specialist bronchiectasis team in 2023 which includes 2 Respiratory Consultants, a specialist nurse and 2 job-share specialist physio therapists. They then refer patients as required to the community respiratory team for ongoing management

#### Does your trust provide community-based services treat complex respiratory conditions such as COPD, interstitial lung disease?

If yes, please complete the table below:

Yes the Trust Community Respiratory Team treat patients with COPD, ILD and bronchiectasis. The caseload numbers are detailed below

<b>Name of provider</b>	Belfast Trust Community Respiratory Team
<b>Number of patients contracted/treated in the past year</b>	1614 patients on the caseload. The majority have COPD but many have an element of bronchiectasis and approx. 170 patients have ILD. The 178 patients above have

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	more severe bronchiectasis
<b>Address of provider</b>	Shankill and Knockbreda Health and Wellbeing Centres Belfast

**High-cost drug propensity**

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

**-Monoclonal antibodies**

The community respiratory service do not provide this service

**-Nebulised or infusion polymyxins / aminoglycosides antibiotics e.g. Colomycin or Gentamicin**

Colomycin is an Amber drug so is started in Secondary care, Shared care is in place. Once commenced in secondary care the prescription of this is continued by the patient's GP.

Other inhaled antibiotic treatments are Red drugs so are issued from hospital pharmacy.

If IV Gentamicin is required it will either be administered in hospital or through the Clinical nurse in-reach service or district nursing but not the community respiratory team

**- Other high-cost drugs**

Not applicable to CRT

**Resource utilisation**

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

**What/how much is funded from NHS budgets?**

**What/how much is funded by social care budgets?**

We are unable to answer these questions as Health and Social Care are integrated in Northern Ireland.