Enhancing the respiratory pathway

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Why do we need to make changes

- Poorer outcomes for our patients than our counterparts across the integrated care system

- Fragmentation across the respiratory pathway

- Fragmentation of the home oxygen service

- Improve diagnosis across Rotherham

- Improvement the management of respiratory patients

- High numbers of patients going into hospital

- Longer stays for patients when they are in hospital

- Long term plan states care should be provided closer to home

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What changes are proposed?

The development of the enhanced respiratory pathway has been a clinically led process, developed in line with best practice and the clinical benefit for patients has been at the forefront of discussions

The enhanced model for respiratory includes:

- Standardising the care across primary care for diagnosis and management

- Improving patient education and access to support patients to self manage

- Delivering care closer to home, with a specialist community respiratory team, reducing the requirement for inpatient care

- Delivering care during the day, at evenings and weekends to fit in with patients lives

- For those who do require inpatient support a dedicated respiratory unit at TRFT

- Increased support for high intensity users to help stabilise their conditions

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Service user/carer/stakeholder engagement

Patient and public and stakeholder engagement on the proposed changes is scheduled throughout September and will be via the following forms:

- Surveys, online and paper
- Face to face drop in sessions across Rotherham, including breathing space
- Mjog messages to patients, aimed at those with a specific respiratory condition
- Media messages

- *Animation if available to be shown here*

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Next steps

- Incorporate engagement responses into the business proposal

- Governing body 2 October 2019/ Trust Board

- Commence recruitment to the new structure

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