

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_65_18

You asked for:

1. The number of respiratory nurses in your LHB.

We have 4 Respiratory Nurses in Primary/Community Care.

In secondary care there are 5 Respiratory Nurses and 2 Lung Cancer Nurses.

2. Of these, how many are based in primary, secondary or community care.

Please see response to question 1.

3. What services do each of these teams provide.

Primary/Community Care services:

- Home Therapy Oxygen service
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Cluster Hub Community service
- Shared care clinics with Practice Nurses (as required)
- Facilitation of 'Breathe Easy' group (patient engagement and participation group)
- Training and Education of Care staff via the Social Care Workforce Development Partnership
- Training and Education of Practice Nursing staff via the 3 day Respiratory course and the Practice Nurse Forum
- Training and Education of Health Care Professionals working within Primary Care in relation to Spirometry standards of practice
- Training and Education of Community Nursing staff such as District Nursing staff
- Training and Education of Care staff working within Care Homes
- Co-ordination of the Respiratory Network Interest Group
- Pre-Registration Student Nurse training and education via the University of South Wales
- Post-Registration Nurse training and education via the University of South Wales.

In secondary care, the respiratory nurses provide review and support for patients with a range of respiratory conditions either during the in-patient stay or in clinics these include:

- Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

- Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)
- Breathlessness
- Lung cancer
- Sleep Apnoea requiring Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- Patients requiring Non Invasive Ventilation (NIV)
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Assessment of patients prior to discharge on home oxygen.

In addition to direct clinical contact they also provide the following:

- Training and education to student nurses, newly registered nurses via the graduate training programme and medical trainees.
- Attendance at multi-disciplinary meetings for patient /case reviews.
- Attendance at CTUHB Respiratory meetings.

4. Are there any chronic conditions teams.

We have many specialist nursing teams working across the UHB both within secondary care and primary/community care but they are not known as chronic condition teams – they are disease specific. The role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist is targeted at patients with chronic conditions but they do not work in a specific chronic conditions team.