**UHS Respiratory A&G Pilot**

Dear Colleagues,

UHS are running a pilot service from 01/09/2022 to 30/11/2022 for Respiratory advice and guidance. This is now live on ERS under the service name **Respiratory Medicine - (Advice & Guidance) - Southampton - UHSFT – RHM.**

This is for male and female patients who are 18 years and over. This service will operated Monday to Friday 08:00 to 16:00. Key Inclusion/exclusion criteria for this service are:

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| **Exclusions**  | **Inclusions (conditions treated)** |
| * Suspected lung cancer- Please contact Lung cancer service
* Lung cancer (confirmed)- please contact LCNS
* NIV (non-invasive ventilation)- Please contact TRC
* CPAP- please contact-Sleep service
* Sleep apnoea- please contact Sleep Service
* Cystic fibrosis- please contact CF service
* Primary ciliary dyskinesia -please contact PCD service
* Tuberculosis- please contact TB services
* Allergy services - please contact Allergy services
* Monoclonal antibody treatment for Asthma (-please contact TRC)
* Pulmonary hypertension-Please contact Pulmonary hypertension nurse specialist
* Pulmonary nodule- please contact Pulmonary nodule service
 | General Respiratory diseases* Chronic Cough > 3 weeks
* Abnormal chest x-ray
* Abnormal CT chest
* Chest infection
* Asthma
* COPD
* Pneumonia
* Empyema
* Symptoms of wheeze of dyspnoea
* Suspected respiratory failure due to lung or neuromuscular disease
* Bronchiectasis
* Pulmonary Sarcoidosis
* Unexplained haemoptysis in < 40 years old
* Non cardiac cause of chest pain
* Interstitial lung disease
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For any queries or if you wish to discuss this with the team please contact: UHS.MedSAT3@nhs.net

Some key additional points to note for this service are:

* For Tuberculosis A&G please see 7954467 Respiratory Medicine - Tuberculosis - (Advice & Guidance) - Southampton - UHSFT – RHM
* Indications that patients require an appointment under the 2 weeks rule suspected cancer -

Chest x-ray suggestive or suspicious of lung cancer

* Signs of superior vena caval obstruction
* Stridor (consider emergency referral)
* Unexplained haemoptysis in smoker over 40 years (with normal chest x-ray or not)
* Please refer via the 2 wwk service - 7957973 -2WW Suspected Lung Cancer - (Triage) - Southampton - UHSFT - RHM
* A&G will not be converted in cases where cancer is suspected and will require GP referral via the correct 2ww pathway.

The service will aim to respond within 5 working days to all A&G referrals.