

New Respiratory Pre Referral Guidance and Sleep Apnoea Pathway

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| Introduction |
| <p>The Respiratory Transformation Group is a joint group between the CCG, Ipswich Hospital and the Suffolk COPD Service. The group are working together to look at transformation opportunities across the system to improve services for patients.</p> |
| What is New? |
| <p>A piece of work that has just been completed is the development of Pre Referral Guidance (PRG) for Respiratory and Sleep Apnoea Referrals. This will enable primary care to manage the care and work up of these patients and will help collect the right information for the patient so that the consultant can make an informed decision about the patient's treatment when the completed referral documentation is received. Please note: If this PRG is not complete then the referral will be rejected.</p> <p>The PRG includes criteria required for a Sleep Apnoea referral and the Epworth Sleepiness Scale has been included. A new Sleep Apnoea pathway has been developed alongside this and both will be available on Map of Medicine and the CCG website.</p> <p>The Rockwood Frailty Score (further details are supplied on the Pre Referral Guidance form) has also been included within this PRG for completion. Please note: If score ≥ 6 consider if referral to elderly care services is more appropriate</p> <p>A Respiratory map has been developed on Map of Medicine where you will be able to locate the two documents referred to above, plus information on the Suffolk COPD service and links to relevant support services.</p> |
| How do I refer? |
| <p>The PRG form will be available on practice clinical systems and Map of Medicine. The Sleep Apnoea pathway will be available on Map of Medicine and the CCG website.</p> <p>Please refer via e-Referral Advice Letter Listing-CAS-Respiratory-Ipswich Hospital</p> |
| Start date |
| <p>The documents will be available on the CCG website and Map of Medicine no later than end of April 2017.</p> |
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