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Organisational audit report – glossary of key terms in NRAP organisational audit report 2024

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6MWT	6-minute walk test measures the distance that a patient can walk on a flat, hard surface in a period of 6 minutes
Admission	An episode in which a patient with an asthma or COPD exacerbation is admitted and stayed in hospital for 4 hours or more
ARNS	Association of Respiratory Nurses is a nursing forum which influences respiratory health policy and works to influence the direction of respiratory nursing care
BPRS	British Paediatric Respiratory Society is a multidisciplinary organisation which aims to promote and improve the respiratory health of all children
BTS	British Thoracic Society is a professional body who work to raise awareness of the impact of lung disease, champion the respiratory workforce and develop clinical guidance
Care bundle	A hospital discharge care bundle is a group of evidence-based elements of ongoing care that should be implemented or checked, and verified, on discharge from hospital
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CQC	Care Quality Commission are the independent regulator of health and social care in England
СҮРА	Children and young people's asthma
CYPA transition	The formal transition process for children and young people with asthma moving from children's services to adult services
Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)	The Department of Health and Social Care support ministers in leading the nation's health and social care to help people live more independent, healthier lives for longer
Eligible services	Services in England and Wales that offer a respiratory service, or pulmonary rehabilitation service
Exacerbation	A sustained worsening of the person's symptoms from their usual stable state, which is beyond normal day-to-day variations, and is acute in onset



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GIRFT	The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme is a national NHS England programme designed to improve the treatment and care of patients through in-depth review of services, benchmarking, and presenting a data-driven evidence base to support change
Healthcare improvement	A way to solve a problem within a healthcare setting using specific methodology and tools
Health inequalities	Avoidable, unfair and systematic differences in health between different groups of people
Integrated care boards (ICBs)	ICBs are statutory NHS organisations in England which are responsible for developing a plan for meeting the health needs of the population, managing the NHS budget and arranging for the provision of health services in a geographical area. There are 42 ICBs in each ICS area in England
Integrated care system (ICS)	ICSs are local partnerships that bring health and care organisations together to develop shared plans and joined-up services
Interstitial lung disease (ILD)	Interstitial lung diseases are a group of lung conditions that cause scarring or inflammation that damages the lung tissue
Incremental shuttle walk test (ISWT)	The ISWT is a cardiopulmonary exercise test using a field walking test in which two cones are set 9 metres apart which the patient required to walk around in time to a set of auditory beeps
Local health boards (LHBs)	Local health boards are responsible for planning and delivering NHS services in their area in Wales. There are 7 local health boards in Wales
Multidisciplinary team (MDT)	A team made up of different healthcare professions, often from different services or specialities
NACAP	National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme is the previous iteration of the NRAP audit
NCEPOD	National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death assist in maintaining and improving standards of healthcare for the benefit of the public by reviewing the care of patients, by undertaking confidential surveys, and by publishing and generally making available the results of such activities
NCSCT	National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training is an organisation supporting the delivery of effective evidence-based tobacco control programmes and smoking cessation interventions provided by local stop smoking services, and by colleagues in the NHS and the social care sector



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NICE	NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) is the independent organisation responsible for driving improvement and excellence in the health and social care system. They provide evidence-base guidance, advice and quality standards.
NRAP	National Respiratory Audit Programme
Participating services	Services in England and Wales that input data into NRAP
Pulmonary rehabilitation (PR)	Pulmonary rehabilitation is a treatment programme for people who become breathless because of their lung condition, and it is made up of exercise classes, information, advice and techniques to manage breathlessness
RCPCH	The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health is a membership body for paediatricians who play a role in professional standards, research and policy
Respiratory consultant	Doctor who works within respiratory medicine diagnosing and treating conditions affecting the respiratory system
Respiratory nurse specialist	Respiratory nurse specialists are part of the specialist respiratory community and are skilled at assessing, planning and implementing treatments for conditions such as asthma and COPD
Specialist review	Respiratory specialist team members may be defined locally to include respiratory health professionals deemed competent at seeing and managing patients with acute asthma attacks
Triage	To perform a preliminary assessment of (a patient) in order to determine the nature and degree of urgency of treatment required
Tobacco dependency service	These are services which provide advice, support and treatment to help people stop smoking.