

Request title:  
**Bronchiectasis/COPD/NTM**

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Date of Response: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

**Request and reply**

1. Do you run a specific clinic for bronchiectasis patients?  
Yes
2. How many patients with bronchiectasis (J47/Q33.4) have you treated in the last 12 months?  
Approximately 240 patients with non-CF Bronchiectasis are seen every year.
3. How many of these patients have also been diagnosed with non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)  
The Trust is unable to provide this information as it is not held centrally, and therefore this would mean checking individually approximately 240 sets of casenotes for the information. To undertake this piece of work would take in excess of the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information (see section 12(1)).
4. How many of these patients do you then treat long term with an antibiotic?  
During 2016 there were 10 patients on treatment (although treatment for some may have started prior to 2016 and some stopped treatment in 2016).
5. How many of these patients do you then treat long term with inhaled or IV amikacin?  
Less than 5 patients required IV amikacin in 2016.
6. Do you run a specific clinic for chronic COPD patients?  
No.
7. How many patients with chronic COPD (J44.0, J44.1, J44.8, J44.9) have you treated in the last 12 months?  
The Trust is unable to provide this information as out-patient activity is not coded by diagnosis.
8. How many of these patients have also been diagnosed with non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)  
The Trust is unable to provide this information as out-patient activity is not coded by diagnosis.
9. How many of these patients do you then treat with an antibiotic?  
The Trust is unable to provide this information as out-patient activity is not coded by diagnosis.
10. How many of these patients do you then treat with inhaled or IV amikacin?  
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11. Do you routinely screen for non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)

All patients seen in the Specialist Bronchiectasis clinic are routinely screened for NTM.

12. Do you run a NTM (Non-tuberculosis mycobacterium) clinic or service?

The Trust runs a specialist NTM/abcessus clinic at its Heavitree Hospital site for CF and non-CF patients- which does include some patients from Torbay/Taunton/North Devon District Hospital (NDDH). There is also Specialist Bronchiectasis clinics and a Respiratory Nurse clinic held for patients with NTM (not M.Abcessus) on the Wonford Hospital Site.

a. Is this linked with any other hospital or trust, if so which ones?

Some CF patients receive treatment from other such as Trusts Torbay/Taunton/North Devon District Hospital.

b. If not, where do you refer your NTM patients?

NTM patients are seen/treated at the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.

13. How many suspected NTM patients did the trust refer to other institutions in the last 12 months?

None.

14. Which testing laboratory do you send your sputum samples for suspected NTM?

The Trust send our NTM testing to Cardiff.

15. Do have a shared care protocol for treating NTM?

No shared care protocol.