

## **Acute Care at Home Team Information Sheet**

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The service is provided by a team of 23 nurses who can offer high levels of nursing care to patients in order to prevent admission or to facilitate rapid discharge from hospital.

### **Referral Routes:**

- General Practitioners
- Acute GP Service
- Acute and community hospitals
- Out of hours service
- Community matron's
- Community nurses
- Early Intervention Service (EIS)

**The GP needs to have assessed community referred patients within 24 hrs. of referral and will take medical responsibility for the patient, or in the case of out of hours until the patient's own GP is available.**

### **Inclusion criteria:**

- Without this intervention, hospital admission would be unavoidable.
- The patient and carer wish for the patient to be cared for at home.
- The patient must be over the age of 18
- The patient has telephone access at home
- GP or Consultant has assessed & is willing to take medical responsibility

### **Types of condition that can be managed by the team include:**

Chest infections	Post- operative infections	Bronchiectasis
Urinary Tract Infection	Cellulitis	Heart Failure
COPD (short term nebulizer therapy)	Discitis	Osteomyelitis
Liver Abscess	Pyelonephritis	Pneumonia
Meningitis	Blood transfusions and platelets (for housebound patients)	

### **The team is skilled in providing intensive nursing support at home. Skills include:**

- IV therapy (including re-hydration, antibiotics, anti-emetics and diuretics)
- Management of PICC, Central lines and implanted ports
- Respiratory and cardiovascular assessment and examination
- Cannulation and Phlebotomy
- Packages of care can be arranged via Adult Care and Support or EIS if appropriate.

### **General Information for Referrers:**

- The Acute Care at Home team is available from 8am – 10pm, seven days a week.
- Please ensure the patient meets the inclusion criteria for Acute Care at Home (Contact a nurse from the team if in doubt)
- A nurse will visit your patient and undertake an assessment (you can arrange to be present if you wish)
- Following assessment/treatment the team will inform you of any changes and liaise with you to discuss treatment plan/ discharge.