

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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EXCITING UPDATES IN ASTHMA CARE: NEW GUIDELINES ARE HERE

The long-awaited BTS/NICE/SIGN asthma guidelines were published on 27th November and have been welcomed by the respiratory community.

These updated guidelines bring fresh insights into managing asthma effectively, especially as conversations around the environmental impact of asthma care continue to grow.

Here at Rotherham Respiratory we want to highlight a vital message that has not managed to hit the headlines:

Good asthma control is good for people with asthma AND good for the environment.

Our Lead Asthma Tutor, Viv Marsh, says,

"Supporting people to achieve good control and live well with their asthma can only be achieved through the provision of good respiratory care and a well-trained workforce is essential if this is to be achieved."

With that fundamental principle in mind, we are busy updating all of our courses to reflect the latest guidelines. Our focus is on ensuring that healthcare professionals are fully equipped to translate these updates into meaningful, practical care for people of all ages. The guidance is available [here](#).



FREE JANUARY WEB SEMINAR: ASTHMA GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our next web seminar takes place in January, and will cover what the new asthma guidelines mean for children and young people.

- **When?** Wednesday 15th January at 1pm.
- **Who?** The speakers are Laura King and Viv Marsh

[Click here](#) to register for the web seminar and secure your place. As always, web seminars will be available on our website following the event for those who can't attend on the day.

CHAMPIONING PAEDIATRIC EDUCATION AT THE NPRANG CONFERENCE

We were delighted to support the National Paediatric Respiratory and Allergy Nurses Group (NPRANG) conference again this year by awarding free course places to three lucky attendees. It's always a privilege to champion education for professionals caring for children with respiratory conditions.

Our Asthma Education Lead and NPRANG member, Viv Marsh, shared her thoughts after attending her 11th NPRANG conference:



"It was an excellent agenda this year and the quality of work shared through the poster competition was fantastic. I heard lots of good feedback about Rotherham Respiratory's paediatric courses and the 3 winners were thrilled with their prizes."

SUPPORTING LOCAL TALENT: ROSSINGTON UNDER 13S REDS & DEARNE VALLEY WILDCATS UNDER 11S

We're excited to share that we are now sponsors for Rossington Under 13s Reds team and Dearne Valley Wildcats Under 11s team. Both teams were all smiles when they received their brand-new kits and we couldn't be prouder to support our local teams. Supporting local communities is at the heart of what we do, and we can't wait to cheer them on this season!



FESTIVE FUN WITH THE BREATHINGSAPCE CHOIR

We're proud sponsors of the BreathingSpace Choir who put on a fantastic performance for the Choral Celebration at Doncaster Dome.

Choir practice doesn't just lift spirits. It's a fantastic way for individuals with lung conditions to improve their breathing, find joy, and build lasting friendships. What better time to embrace this sense of community than at Christmas?



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Thursday 12th December, the Rotherham Respiratory team got into the holiday spirit by wearing their brightest, sparkliest Christmas jumpers.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the year draws to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing healthcare professionals we've worked with this year. Your dedication and resilience inspire us daily.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

We'll be taking some time off to celebrate with our loved ones. Please see our Christmas opening hours below:

Monday 24th Dec - 9am-5pm

Christmas Eve - Closed

Christmas Day - Closed

Boxing Day - Closed

Friday 27th Dec - Closed

Monday 30th Dec - Closed

New Year's Eve - Closed

New Year's Day - Closed

Tuesday 2nd Jan - 9am-5pm



We'll still be checking emails for urgent matters, so don't hesitate to reach out if needed.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Warm wishes,
The Rotherham Respiratory Team