

Consultation on Services for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in England and plans for implementation

The consultation document on services to people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in England is due to be published shortly by the Department of Health for consultation and feedback.

The Department of Health, in partnership with the 10 SHAs in England and NHS Improvement and supported by the British Thoracic Society, Primary Care Respiratory Society, British Lung Foundation and Asthma UK) are holding a series of regional events.

The aim of the events is to enable all interested healthcare professionals to hear from the National Clinical Directors for Respiratory Disease, Professor Sue Hill (Department of Health Chief Scientific Officer) and Dr Robert Winter (East of England SHA Medical Director), about the contents of the strategy. Delegates will feedback views on the recommendations it contains, and will have an opportunity to record their response to the consultation at the event.

There will also be the opportunity to talk about the:

- Work being undertaken to help support delivery of the strategy by the Director of the NHS Lung Improvement programme (Phil Duncan)
- Chapter on asthma, which highlights where there are synergies in the approach to the care of these conditions and where there are differences .

Each event will have a distinct regional flavour, with practitioners speaking about local programmes, together with an opportunity to discuss arrangements to implement the final strategy in your area.

Who should attend?

Anyone with a professional interest in working with people who have COPD (including the provision of home oxygen clinical services) and asthma including:

- Consultants in relevant specialties
- Nurses
- Physiotherapists
- GPs
- Respiratory Physiologists
- Other healthcare professionals
- Commissioners
- Social care providers
- Pharmacists

You are invited to register to attend one of the events, which will take place as listed below:

Wednesday 3 March	South Central
Monday 8 March	London
Monday 15 March	East Midlands
Tuesday 16 March	Yorkshire and the Humber
Thursday 18 March	East of England
Monday 22 March	Northwest
Tuesday 23 March	West Midlands
Tuesday 30 March	South West
Wednesday 31 March	South East Coast
Thursday 1 April	North East

For more information and to register your attendance please visit:

www.respiratoryevents.org.uk or call 01738 825002.

Space is limited for these events, and we expect a strong demand for places. Once full we will keep a reserve list. The events will be free and we are seeing CPD accreditation for attendance.