



National Respiratory Audit Programme (NRAP)

NRAP Children and young people's patient (8+) information leaflet

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You have been given this leaflet because you recently had an asthma attack and attended hospital. This leaflet has information about an audit for children and young people with asthma. This asthma audit collects information about your care in hospital. The National Respiratory Audit Programme run this audit. The short name for this is NRAP. The NRAP team works at the Royal College of Physicians in London and Liverpool.

Key purposes of clinical audits

- > **To track change:** This involves continuous data collection that feeds into annual reports where we track progress against the expected standards of care.
- > **To explore variation:** We evaluate where performance differs in parts of the health system, this includes services (hospitals), trusts, health boards and regions.
- > **To support healthcare improvement:** We produce guidance and support services to improve aspects of care that are measured by the audit.

What is the asthma audit?

The audit looks at how the doctors and nurses look after you when you have an asthma attack and need to come to hospital. The aim of the audit is to make asthma care better for children and young people in England and Wales by finding out where changes should be made.

What information is collected?

Information about the treatment and care doctors and nurses give you, as well as some personal information such as your NHS number, date of birth and where you live, which we do not share.

We do this so we can follow your care even if you are treated at different times or in different places. We also collect your gender and ethnicity to find out if this affects the treatment you receive.

How is my confidential information collected and where does it go?

Hospitals taking part in this audit enter the information they collect about patients into an online database called a 'web-tool', which is made by a company called Crown Informatics, who keep your information safe and secure.

How will my information be used?

The audit creates reports about patient care in England and Wales, which hospitals use to look at how good their care is compared to other hospitals. They can use this information to improve the care they provide to patients in the future.



How do we keep your information safe?

Strict rules are in place to make sure your information is kept safe and is not shared. The asthma audit must follow these rules.

What to do if you don't want your information to be used in the audit?

You and your parents/carers can tell the hospital if you don't want your information to be collected. This won't change how you are looked after in any way. You are helping doctors and nurses look after children with asthma by being part of this audit – thank you for joining in.

Any questions

You can ask a parent or carer to contact the NRAP team via: asthma@rcp.ac.uk | 020 3075 1526
They can also find out more about the children and young people asthma audit [here](#).

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