



TOP TIPS

Setting up and Sustaining an EoE Local Respiratory Network

What are Networks?

- Networks bring together clinical and commissioning expertise from across the pathway to improve outcomes for patients.
- Networks are a forum to share multi professional advice, influence and learning, to maximise knowledge and deliver better outcomes.
- They work in a collaborative and co-ordinated way to best meet local needs and priorities
- They are unrestrained by professional and organisational boundaries and ensure equitable provision of quality clinically effective services

What do they do?

- Focus on problem solving, considering total resources
- Improve communication and co-ordination
- Ensure patients contact with the health care sector is easier, with standardised care
- Drive change

How to start and sustain?

- Be clear about its purpose, accountability, decision making and leadership – Terms of Reference. Example TOR available -[ToR Local Respiratory Network.doc](#)
- Spend time engaging your stakeholders from the start
- Requires MDT membership – Primary Care, Acute Trust, Community, Pharmacy, Mental Health, Public Health, Ambulance Trust. **Essential** to link with CCG and **must** include Commissioner and Patient/Public
- Ensure you have the support and commitment of your key decision makers
- Essential to identify your committed clinical leader
- Requires a member to sit on the EoE Clinical Respiratory Network
- Requires administrative support - Top Tips for meetings and action plan available [20120502 Top Tips - Setting up a Network Meeting.docx](#)
- Join our NHS Network- EoE Respiratory Programme for helpful resources and news! <http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/> east-of-england-respiratory-programme
- Data drives improvements. Use local and national data www.inhale.nhs.uk
- Develop and monitor a work/action plan to include Regional Board priorities
- Deliver on work plan = a sustainable network 😊

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