#### Patient feedback

"It taught me not to panic when I get breathless but to try and work through it."

"I can now exercise, when I thought it was beyond me."

"I enjoy life a lot better."

### Contact us

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## Concerns and complaints

We aim to provide you with a high quality service at all times. However, if you have any concerns, complaints or comments about your experience of our service then please tell a member of the falls team or contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on freephone 0800 328 7971.

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Respiratory services

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programme

# What is pulmonary rehabilitation?

When you develop a lung condition most people find that it can get more difficult to do the normal day-to-day activities without getting breathless.

Getting out of breath can be very frightening and make you quite anxious which makes your breathlessness worse. You may find that you start to avoid doing activities which make you breathless and over time this can cause you to become less fit, more tired and more breathless. Pulmonary rehabilitation can help to break this vicious cycle.

The main aim of pulmonary rehabilitation is to help you cope with your breathlessness, helping you to feel fitter and stronger.

# How can pulmonary rehabilitation help me?

- increase exercise capacity
- strengthen muscles
- help manage breathing better
- educate about lung conditions
- reduce risk of flare-ups
- increase confidence
- help to maintain a healthy weight

### What will I have to do?

You will be invited to attend an initial assessment where you will get to meet the team. We will find out about you, your lung condition and how it affects you. We will ask you to complete some questionnaires (we can help you with these if you would like) and then ask you to do a simple walking test so that we can see what you can manage. This will enable us to set the right exercises for you when you start the course.

You are very welcome to bring a family member or friend with you to your appointment.

# What happens next?

You will then be asked to attend twice a week for six weeks, for two hours at a time. In each group we aim to have ten to twelve people who all have lung conditions and suffer from similar symptoms.

During each session participants will do about 45 minutes of supervised exercise, have light refreshments and then attend an education session. The education topics range from talking about ways to control your breathing, how to manage a flare-up of your lung condition and a visit from the dietitian.

We aim to create a very informal and relaxed environment for you to exercise and learn together.

At the end of the course we hope that you will continue to regularly exercise to maintain the benefits you have gained.