

# The team caring for your child when they need long term ventilation

## Children's Services

Information for Parents & Carers

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## What does the Long Term Ventilation (LTV) Team do?

- The Long Term Ventilation (LTV) Team becomes involved with your child's care when it has been identified that they may need the support of a ventilator or tracheostomy at home.
- Our team aims to provide professional, practical and emotional support throughout your child's admission and on discharge home.
- We will discuss all of the possible options with you before making any decisions about your child's care, and will work together with you as a family to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.
- Our service accepts families from Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire and will continue to offer follow-up appointments once you are discharged from hospital.
- An LTV ward round will take place once a week. The team will review your child's progress and inform you of ongoing plans. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

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## Who is in the team?

<b>Respiratory Consultant:</b>	Dr Kamini Jain Dr Imad Ahmed
<b>ENT Surgeon:</b>	Miss Marianne Elloy Mr Theodoros Valsamakis
<b>LTV Specialist Nurse:</b>	Helen Hickey Louise Mogford
<b>Physiotherapist:</b>	Kay Calvert
<b>Occupational Therapist:</b>	Laura Ball
<b>Speech &amp; Language Therapist:</b>	Sarah Hoskin Amie Burrows
<b>Clinical Psychologist:</b>	Dr Gemma Leddie
<b>Team Administrator:</b>	Marcus Cox
<b>Clinical Fellow / Registrar:</b>	
<b>Diana Team Physiotherapist (Community):</b> for Leicestershire patients	Chessy Gattoni-Rowland Charlotte Driver Jennifer Doyle
<b>Diana Community Nursing Team:</b>	

## What do the different team members do?

### Respiratory Consultant:

- Helps with the management of the lung condition of your child/ infant, including advice about ventilator use and antibiotics for infection etc.
- May undertake a review of air passages by a fine flexible camera, generally in a theatre setting.
- May request and review sleep studies, as needed, for your child both in hospital or after discharge home.
- After discharge, will review your child in outpatients for continued assessment of lung disease/ growth.

**ENT Surgeon:**

- May assess your child's airway using a fine camera either in the ward/ clinic or theatre, depending on their individual needs.
- Will undertake an operation to insert a tracheostomy, if this is needed by your child.
- Will provide advice and support for your child, both in the hospital and home, about tracheostomy management.

**LTV Specialist Nurse:**

- Will oversee and co-ordinate the discharge process.
- Will facilitate training for you and other family members.
- Will link with other team members and outside agencies as needed, for a smooth and safe discharge.
- Point of contact upon discharge.

**Physiotherapist:**

- Creates chest clearance programmes for your child and provides equipment for this if needed.
- Trains and educates parents and carers in chest clearance techniques.
- Provides support on discharge with regular monitoring and rapid response visits (Diana Team Physiotherapists for Leicestershire patients).
- Will support you with your child's development.

**Occupational Therapist:**

- Is available to support your discharge home and provide relevant equipment if needed.
- Will support you with your child's development.
- Can provide advice for travelling in the car with your child, and can assess your child in their car seat as needed.
- Will provide advice and support for buggy and wheelchair provision, and can assess your child in their buggy or wheelchair as needed.
- Will liaise with community services to make sure that children are supported after their discharge from hospital.

**Speech & Language Therapist (SLT):**

- Is trained to work with patients with communication and swallowing difficulties.
- Is able to assess and provide recommendations around swallowing/ oral intake.

- Is able to assess and provide advice around communication (speech, voice, language, alternative communication methods).
- Will develop individualised plans for communication and eating/ drinking development.
- Will liaise with local speech and language therapy services about ongoing input.
- Trains and educates parents and carers in supporting communication development.

### Clinical Psychologist:

- Is available to offer psychological support to your child, their siblings, or to parent(s)/ carers, at times when you may be struggling emotionally as a result of your child's condition and the impact this has.
- Can offer assessment of psychological difficulties (low mood, anxiety, anger) related to your child's condition, and provide support with these issues through talking therapies or signposting to more appropriate services.
- Can offer support and advice on how to understand and manage behaviour related to your child's condition, that may seem difficult to understand.

### Contact details

The Long Term Ventilation (LTV) Team are based at Leicester Royal Infirmary and we can be contacted on 0116 258 6694 - Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

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