Patient Referral

Patients can be referred by a GP, Consultant or Specialist Nurse.

Before referring please ensure that the patient meets the inclusion criteria for receiving IV Therapy in the community.

Information on patient inclusion criteria and IV treatment pathways can be found on the Intravenous Therapies page on the Gloucestershire Care Services website.

Urgent referrals should be made by contacting the on-call IV Therapy nurse on Pager 07659 113695 between 8am-6pm.

For all other referrals please complete the e-referral on the Gloucestershire Care Services website or fax a completed referral form to 0300 421 1211.

If you wish to discuss a referral or would like further information please contact the IV Therapy Team on Pager 07659 113695.

How to contact us

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Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust
Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer Avenue
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Advice line pager:
07659 113695 (urgent referrals)

Email: ivtherapyteam@glos.nhs.uk
(non-urgent messages)

Secure Fax: 0300 421 1211
(non-urgent referrals)
The Intravenous (IV) Therapy Team is a new community service offering patients IV therapy treatment in their own homes and at community outpatient clinics. The aim is to create a new integrated model of health and social care provision in Gloucestershire, with specific care pathways to provide personalised high quality, safe and sustainable care for local people promoting personal health, wellbeing and independence.

This is supported by:

- Care Closer to Home (NHS Operating Framework 2010-2011)
- QIPP
- Saving Lives (DOH, 2005)
- Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (DOH, 2006)
- British Society Antimicrobial (BSA, standardised methods for implementation of OPAT services in the UK, 2011)

Who are the IV Therapy Team?
The team is made up of five highly specialised nurses and an administrator, who will be supporting the District Nursing Teams to deliver IV therapies in the community.

What do we do?
The Community IV Therapy Team is a new Primary Care service commissioned to ensure that people requiring IV therapy treatments are treated close to their homes.

The team are able to deliver a wide range of treatments including:

- Planned blood transfusions
- Iron infusions
- Antibiotics
- Bisphosphonates
- Methylprednisolone
- Fluid replacement
- Therapeutic venesection

A 24 hour advice line is provided for both patients and healthcare professionals.

We are also able to provide training and support to other healthcare professionals in all aspects of IV therapy including drug administration, cannulation, venepuncture and line management.

Clinics
Primary locality clinics are planned in the Dilke, Tewkesbury, Stroud and Cirencester community hospitals.

Treatments such as blood transfusion or iron infusions are booked into the community hospitals and treatment given by the IV Therapy Team. Patients requiring antibiotic treatment will be treated in their own home by the district nursing team supported by the IV Therapy Team.

What are the benefits?
There are many benefits for patients receiving treatment at home or in an outpatient community clinic, these include:

- Reducing hospital in-patient beds
- Reduction in HCAI’s
- Improved patient satisfaction and well being
- Reduces the risk of secondary infection