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.

Referrals should be made by contacting Single Point of Clinical Access (SPCA) on 0300 421 0300.

If you wish to discuss a referral or would like further information please contact the IV Therapy Team on 0300 421 8195.

How to contact us

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Advice Line: 0300 421 8195
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Email: ivtherapyteam@glos-care.nhs.uk
(non-urgent messages)

If you require Nursing Assistance outside of these hours please contact 0300 421 0555.
The Intravenous (IV) Therapy Team is a 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.

Who are the IV therapy team?

The team is made up of 11 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 developing 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
- Therapeutic venesection

An 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

Clinics are booked across the County in Community Hospitals.

Treatments such as Blood Transfusions, Bisphosphonates and 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 or community clinic 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:

- Reduced demand for hospital in-patient beds
- Reduction in Hospital Associated Acquired Infections
- Improved patient satisfaction and well-being
- Reduced risk of secondary infection

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)
- NHS 5 Year Plan - 5 Year Forward View (NHS England, 2014)
- British Society Antimicrobial (BSA, standardised methods for implementation of OPAT services in the UK)