

Summary of performance against KPIs

Respiratory nurse specialist

51.5%



Access to a respiratory nurse specialist trained in the care of CYP with asthma*

Clinical lead

86.8%



Designated lead for CYP with asthma*

FeNO and spirometry

61.0%



Access to both diagnostic tools*

Transition service

62.5%



Formal transition from child to adult asthma services*

Smoking cessation service

36.8%



Availability of smoking cessation service to which CYP and families can be referred/signposted

*improvement priority

This report provides an insight into the challenges faced by NHS services during the pandemic. The infographic summarises the national position of services against audit key performance indicators (KPIs) and demonstrates variation in service provision across England and Wales. A total of nine out of 129 services met all five KPIs ([see Benchmarked Key Indicator report](#)), and they deserve commendation for implementing good practice. Since [NACAP's first CYP organisational audit in 2020](#) which collected data from 1 June 2019 and 31 January 2020:

- > the proportion of hospitals participating in the audit has increased to 95% (compared with the 78% participation rate in the first CYP asthma 2019/20 organisational audit)
- > there has been no overall improvement in the provision of respiratory nurse specialists or designation of a named asthma lead
- > access to smoking cessation services have been worsened
- > there has been a significant improvement in provision of spirometry and fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) diagnostic tools to diagnose asthma
- > there may have been an improvement in hospitals offering some aspects of transition for CYP with asthma, but the overall quality of transition is still suboptimal.

All hospital services providing acute asthma care to children and young people are encouraged to use the guidance available in this report and further [QI support](#) on the NACAP website, including good practice repository case studies from services delivering best practice.

As NHS services recover from the impact of the pandemic, there is potential for NHS providers to work towards restoring services in line with the [National bundle of care for children and young people with asthma](#), and core elements identified in the NICE Guidelines (2021) for Babies, Children and Young People's Experience of Healthcare.²

'..It is imperative that everyone who may be involved in dealing with young people through the transition age have access to resources / central databank which allows for better signposting of services and support.'
Patient quote, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)¹⁹