

## The Children's Long Term Ventilation (LTV) Service

The Children's LTV service is based at Royal Brompton Hospital and delivers an outreach programme of specialist support and education throughout the London and South East region. Our regional key workers follow LTV children from intensive care to community care, providing continuity on the hospital to home journey.

Specialist  
Clinical  
Support



\* Advice on ventilation strategies, set up on portable ventilation and tracheostomy care for LTV patients and weaning strategies for preterm infants who are dependent on long term respiratory support.

Discharge  
Planning



\* Key worker programme provides early supported discharge, advice on best practice and how to overcome delays, support in organising and running effective MDT meetings. Our web based pathway is used to track fit for discharge status and key actions in the discharge process.

Education  
& Training



\* We provide a specialist LTV education and training programme using blended learning, incorporating e-learning, small group work and simulation. Additional education modules on essential team skills, which include inter-professional communication, values based practice and shared decision making.

Specialist  
Welfare  
Support



\* Welfare advice is integral to LTV service and may also be available for families of other long stay patients. Support around housing, benefits assessment and claims, employment and debt management.



**Who to refer:**

any child under consideration for long term ventilation via tracheostomy.

**When to refer:**

before or within 30 days of tracheostomy. For weaning advice in premature infants refer at or close to term equivalent.

**How to refer:**

online referral via Hospital to Home website  
[www.hospitaltohome.nhs.uk/paediatrics/ltv-discharge-login/](http://www.hospitaltohome.nhs.uk/paediatrics/ltv-discharge-login/)

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