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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Stroke and COPD services.

1. *Please provide the waiting times for accessing any services confirmed in request one.*
2. *Please confirm/deny that patients can be a) re-referred into or b) self-refer back into any services confirmed in request one.*
3. *Please confirm the staffing make up of any services confirmed in request one.*

1.
TIAs, Tunbridge Wells Hospital,
Low risk - when appointment becomes available can take up to 28days or more
High risk - within 7days
Maidstone Hospital - both high or low TIAs are seen within 7days

Strokes - acute service, available 24/7 on both sites

COPD: It is recommended that Pulmonary Rehab courses are not offered before 6 weeks post exacerbation and ideally before 18 weeks. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) patients are offered PR courses within this time frame, the majority attending at 12 weeks.

2.
Stroke: Patients can be referred back by either GP or other specialities depending on where they are. Unfortunately patients cannot self-refer to TIA clinic but they can self-present to A&E with a suspected stroke.

COPD: Yes

3.

Stroke: Multidisciplinary team consisting of Consultants; Staff grades; Junior Drs; Physiotherapist, Stroke Clinical Nurse Specialist, Occupational Therapist, SALT; Therapy assistants; RGNs, CSW, Dietician and psychologist; discharge coordinators; ward clerks; TIA coordinator

COPD: Pulmonary Rehab is delivered by a multi-disciplinary team including Physiotherapist, Physio Assistant, Respiratory CNS, OT, Dietician and Smoking Cessation services