Respiratory referral criteria

Conditions treated:

- children established or considered for long term ventilation
- sleep-related respiratory failure and apnoea
- congenital lung abnormalities
- severe and complex asthma (previous PICU or HDU, 2 or more courses of prednisolone per year)
- rare lung diseases of infancy
- bronchopulmonary dysplasia on oxygen
- congenital anomaly of larynx, trachea and bronchus
- suspected bronchiectasis in children

Procedures performed:

- fibreoptic bronchoscopy
- pulmonary function testing in children > 3 years (diagnostics for asthma)
- hypoxic challenge (fit to fly test) in children

Administrative requirements:

- to book transport or a translator if required and to indicate this in the referral letter
- to ensure that we have all of the patient's up to date details, including:
  - address
  - contact numbers
  - NHS number
  - ethnic group

Exclusions:

Please refer to the General Paediatrics department for the following:

- patients with cystic fibrosis
- chronic cough
- chronic respiratory symptoms, such as:
  - wheeze
  - recurrent chestiness
  - recurrent pneumonia
  - asthma (of a severity less than NRAD/BTS/NICE criteria for referral to a specialist)
  - viral induced wheeze
  - recurrent URTI