

Appendix 9

Suggested levels of NIV competency

	Assessment of potential NIV patient	Ceiling of treatment decision	Choice of NIV settings/adjustments	Writing NIV prescription *	Initial NIV machine set-up	Monitoring of patient NIV compliance/synchrony and adequacy of ventilation	Secretion clearance	Perform blood gases	Decision about time of patient's first break from NIV	Decision to begin weaning	Patient mobility/rehab	Decision to begin palliation/EOL discussions	Begin process of palliation on NIV	Onward referral to additional services	Identify potentially appropriate patients for temporary/long term home mechanical ventilation	Decision to trial home mechanical ventilation	Service development	Completing post discharge follow up	Monthly spot audit of trust agreed areas for NIV	Machine maintenance and ensuring equipment is serviced	Ward competency training and teaching
NIV lead consultant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Respiratory ward consultant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Medical Registrar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
NIV Specialist Physio/Nurse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ward Manager					✓	✓		✓													
Ward Sister/Charge Nurse					✓	✓		✓				✓	✓								
Staff Nurses					✓	✓					✓		✓								
HCAs						✓					✓										

*On local chart/clinical IT system

** Would usually be Respiratory registrar only