

AMBULATORY CARE PATHWAY FOR PNEUMONIA/ LRTI

Date:

Service will commence Monday 21/11/2016

Place:

Ambulatory care departments (AEC) at Princess Royal Hospital, Telford and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury

Patient population:

Patients presenting to the Ambulatory care departments with symptoms and signs of Pneumonia or LRTI (clinical signs of infection but no consolidation on CXR but **not** COPD)

**AMBULATORY EMERGENCY CARE COMMUNITY ACQUIRED
PNEUMONIA/LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTION
PATHWAY**

If appropriate discharge patient onto pathway:

- Complete discharge summary: must include CXR findings and whether **follow up CXR** is required, **CURB 65 score, patient observations** and state that **patient is on AEC pathway**
- Give **patient information leaflet** and copy of **discharge summary**
- Ensure patient knows where to seek help **out of hours** if necessary (Shropdoc /Ambulatory care):
- **NB** Respiratory Community Service 9am-5pm Monday to Friday (inform patient that contact will not be until Monday after midday on Friday)
- Give **smoking cessation** advice if appropriate
- **Fax** copy of discharge summary to appropriate community service and telephone appropriate team 9-5pm (numbers on pathway)

NB: keep notes in AEC for 48 hours