RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROMOTE PATIENT-CENTRED MESOTHELIOMA FOLLOW-UP CARE PATHWAYS

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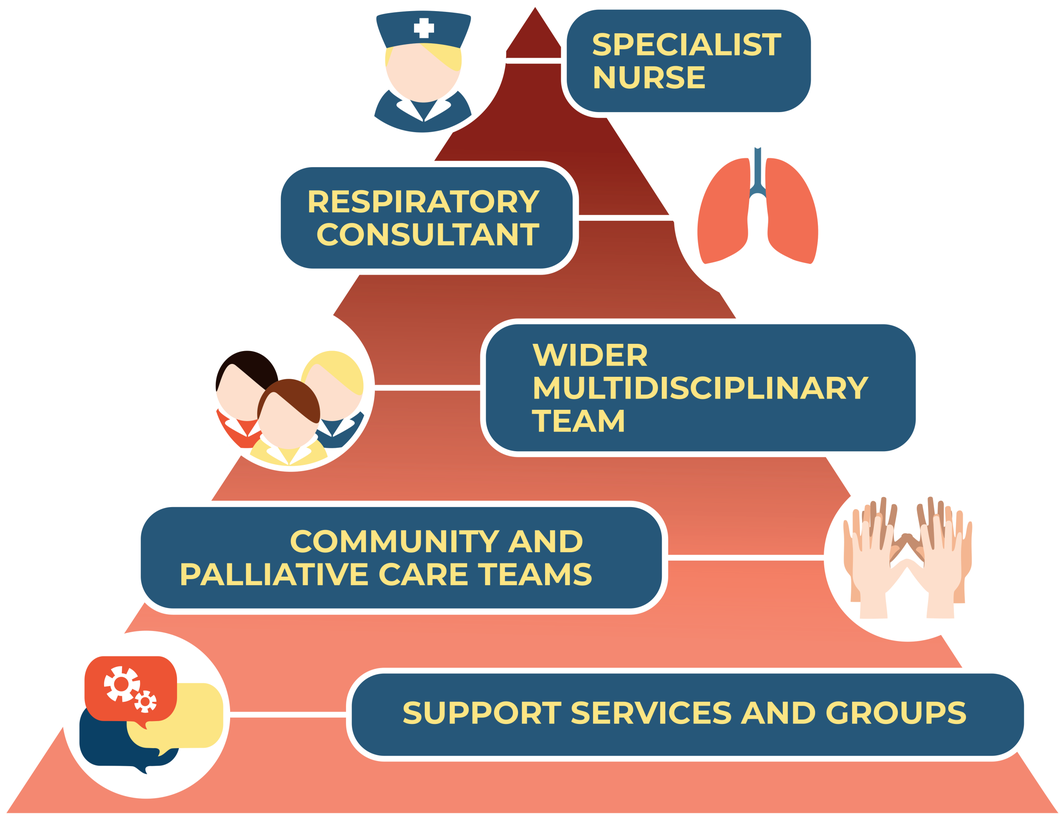

This qualitative study aimed to explore mesothelioma patients' experiences of follow-up care across three NHS Trusts. Interviews with mesothelioma patients and an analysis of key policy documents identified five themes relating to people; processes; places; purpose and perception of care. There were clear variations in the quality and consistency of care received by patients from nurses and the wider multidisciplinary team, as well differences in access to information, support groups, research or clinical trial participation opportunities.

Recommendations were co-produced in consultation with key stakeholders (patients and carers, specialist nurses, clinical commissioning group members), and identified the need for mesothelioma patients to access consistent, specialist, streamlined mesothelioma care, centred around specialist mesothelioma nurses and respiratory consultants, with input from the wider multi-disciplinary team.

1. All patients have access to a mesothelioma specialist nurse within a respiratory led mesothelioma care pathway
2. Timely information regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and follow-up care is provided in a supportive environment
3. Patients are equipped with necessary information to guide treatment and care decision making
4. Streamlined integration between secondary, palliative and community care services
5. Patients are provided with appropiate information resources from diagnosis throughout their care pathway
6. Facilitate personalised care links between secondary care and community support services

For further information about the study methodology and findings:

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