

Chronic Cough (for more than 8 weeks) in Children

RED

- Suspected Foreign Body (sudden onset cough / asymmetrical wheeze / history of choking episode)
- $\text{SaO}_2 < 92\%$
- Difficulty breathing / respiratory distress
- Intermittent apnoea / grunting
- Not feeding
- Mottling
- Systemically unwell
- Dehydration

AMBER

- Child with severe acute Asthma requiring previous PICU admission
- Children with Asthma requiring high dose inhaled steroids (800 mcg beclometasone dipropionate or equivalent)
- Children with Asthma requiring recurrent hospital admission
- Children with Asthma with poor response to 400 mcg beclometasone dipropionate or equivalent and GP not confident of managing add-on treatments
- Suspected Cystic Fibrosis
- Suspected Tuberculosis
- Suspected Recurrent Pulmonary Aspiration

GREEN

Manage in Primary Care if no Red or Amber flags

Further guidance can be found dependent upon condition suspected

Eg:
BTS / Sign Guidelines for Asthma

Acutely unwell –
Refer to Paediatric A&E,
Barnet Hospital
Phone: 0208 216 4069
Or
Refer to Paediatric On-
Call Team via switchboard

Referral Management
Service (RMS)
Choose and Book

Secondary Care
Paediatric Clinic

Paediatric
Integrated Care
Clinic

Problem not
resolved