

The British Lung Foundation Scotland

Charter

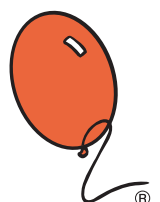
The British Lung Foundation Scotland is the only UK charity working for everyone affected by lung disease. This is our twelve point Charter for better diagnosis, treatment and care for people affected by lung disease.

1. The Scottish Government should make lung disease a priority. This should include developing clinical standards for COPD, implemented by Managed Clinical Networks, in every Health Board area.
2. The public and health professionals should be more aware of the causes, signs and symptoms of lung disease and less judgmental towards people affected by it
3. People with lung disease should receive an accurate and early diagnosis
4. The current postcode lottery of treatment and care for people with lung disease should be addressed and ended
5. Local health and social services should provide high quality community support for people with lung disease to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and maximize their independence in all areas of life
6. Children with lung disease should receive local, specialised respiratory care in both a hospital and community setting
7. People who need oxygen therapy should have an efficient home oxygen service including access to lightweight portable oxygen
8. Pulmonary rehabilitation and follow-up exercise classes tailored for people with lung disease should be easily accessible to all who need them
9. High quality information and support should be easily available to all those affected by lung disease at all stages of the disease
10. People with lung disease should have the opportunity to be more involved in local service development
11. People with lung disease should have a choice of high quality palliative and end of life care
12. Research into lung disease should be increased in proportion to the number of people affected by lung conditions

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