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Dear CEO/PR services manager,

Invitation to join the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services Accreditation Scheme (PRSAS)

NHS England's Long Term Plan focuses on pulmonary rehabilitation (PR) as a key intervention in preventing hospital admissions and improving patient outcomes for those with chronic lung disease. Evidence shows that PR can reduce bed days in COPD patients by up to 50%¹ and reduce mortality post discharge².

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Accreditation Scheme (PRSAS) is a new initiative designed to support PR services to improve quality and provide assurance to patients, referrers and commissioners of the quality of service being provided. The accreditation process involves self and external peer assessment to evaluate the service against a set of standards developed with multi-professional input. PRSAS is led by the Royal College of Physicians who lead a number of other accreditation programmes, including JAG Endoscopy.

How will PRSAS benefit your PR service and improve patient care?

Recent evidence³ and our experience in accreditation shows that participating:

- improves service delivery and quality of care for patients
- reduces variation in clinical services
- helps teams highlight and share good practice as well as where to focus their improvement efforts
- increases satisfaction with working conditions, leadership and accountability
- embeds quality improvement in everyday practice and supports teams to work collaboratively.

We are inviting you to encourage your PR service to participate in the accreditation programme to see these benefits emerge. There is an annual subscription of £1,500 and services will have access to training days and support to enable them to continue to improve their PR service throughout the accreditation process. Our next available training days can be found on our website for registered services and services can register at www.prsas.org

Accreditation is supported by the [CQC](#) and some RCP accreditation schemes have already been recognised by CQC as an information source. We are working to achieve the same recognition for PRSAS.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 020 3075 1526 or pulmrehab@rcplondon.ac.uk; we'd be delighted to speak with you.

Yours faithfully,

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