

Charter to Improve Patient Care in Severe Asthma

Developed to raise awareness and understanding of the impact of severe asthma, to empower patients and to create opportunities for improved care

1

I deserve **timely, straightforward referral** when my severe asthma cannot be managed in primary care

Referral to a specialist is needed if oral corticosteroids (OCS) use is > 3 months; >2 rounds OCS in past year, any hospitalisation for asthma or impaired lung function



2

I deserve a **timely, formal diagnosis** of my severe asthma by an expert team

By a specialist multidisciplinary team (MDT), following assessment and management of treatable factors



3

I deserve **support to understand** my type of severe asthma

Understanding of patient-specific processes causing disease (phenotype) to support a targeted therapy approach



4

I deserve **care that reduces the impact** of severe asthma on my daily life and improves my overall quality of care

Recognition of persistent symptoms and shared patient-clinician decision-making to minimise the effects of asthma



5

I deserve **not to be reliant** on oral corticosteroids

Limit the use and adverse effects of long-term OCS treatment



6

I deserve to **access consistent quality care**, regardless of where I live or where I choose to access it

Care models to support efficient service delivery and provide access to care regardless of geographic location

