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National Respiratory Audit Programme (NRAP)

The National Respiratory Audit Programme (NRAP) aims to improve the quality of the care, services and clinical outcomes for patients with respiratory disease across England and Wales. It does this by using data to support and train clinicians, empowering people living with respiratory disease, and their carers, and informing national and local policy. NRAP has a track record of delivery and is critical in assessing progress against the NHS Long Term Plan. To find out more about the NRAP visit our website: www.nrap.org.uk

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