

What are the Standards of Care?

- The Standards of Care are a **written guide to the minimum level of care** that people with NTM disease should expect to receive from the NHS. They are not guidelines.
- They cover both NTM pulmonary disease and extrapulmonary NTM disease.
- They comprise 33 quality statements, covering six key themes that address the most important issues for the care of people with NTM disease.

Person-centred care

Presentation & diagnosis of NTM disease

Treatment decisions & multidisciplinary support

Monitoring & review

Well-being & prevention of secondary infection

Research & education

Who wrote them?

- The Standards of Care have been produced by **NTM Network UK** in partnership with healthcare professionals, people living with NTM disease, and professional associations.
- They have been **derived from the published guidelines and expert opinion**, and focus on aspects of care that are particularly relevant to the delivery of equitable, high-quality services that secure the best possible outcomes for people with NTM disease.

Who are NTM Network UK?

- NTM Network UK is **a large alliance of over 500 healthcare professionals, public health scientists and research scientists from 200 centres across the UK.**
- Our key goal is to provide evidence to improve the quality of care for people with both NTM pulmonary disease and extrapulmonary NTM disease.
- NTM Network UK is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (1207531). As such, we are dependent upon donations and funding to continue our work.

Why did you write them?

- There is an **urgent need for consistent, standardised, high-quality care** to be provided to people with NTM disease in the UK, irrespective of where they are managed. To address this unmet need, NTM Network UK has developed these Standards of Care.
- The implementation of these Standards is expected to enhance diagnostic accuracy, streamline treatment pathways, and significantly improve patient outcomes.

Where can I find them?

- The Standards of Care can be downloaded from the Network's website:

<https://www.ntmnetworkuk.com/standards-of-care>

