

**Table 1****Indications for referral for specialist review in patients with COPD<sup>7</sup>**

Diagnostic uncertainty	To confirm diagnosis
The individual requests a second opinion	To confirm diagnosis
Alternative diagnosis such as dysfunctional breathing	To exclude other diagnoses and assess the impact of multiple conditions
Symptoms disproportionate to lung function	To exclude other diagnoses and assess the impact of multiple conditions
Frequent lower respiratory tract infections and regular phlegm producer	To confirm or exclude bronchiectasis
Haemoptysis	To confirm or exclude other diagnoses (lung cancer, tuberculosis etc)
Assessment for oxygen including onset of cor pulmonale	Assessment for additional treatment
Assessment for lung volume reduction procedure	Assessment for additional treatment
Assessment for lung transplantation	Assessment for additional treatment
Rapid decline in lung function	Need to assess and attempt to arrest decline
Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency or COPD diagnosed before 40 years	For genetic counselling, potential sub-specialist national centre review and ongoing monitoring