



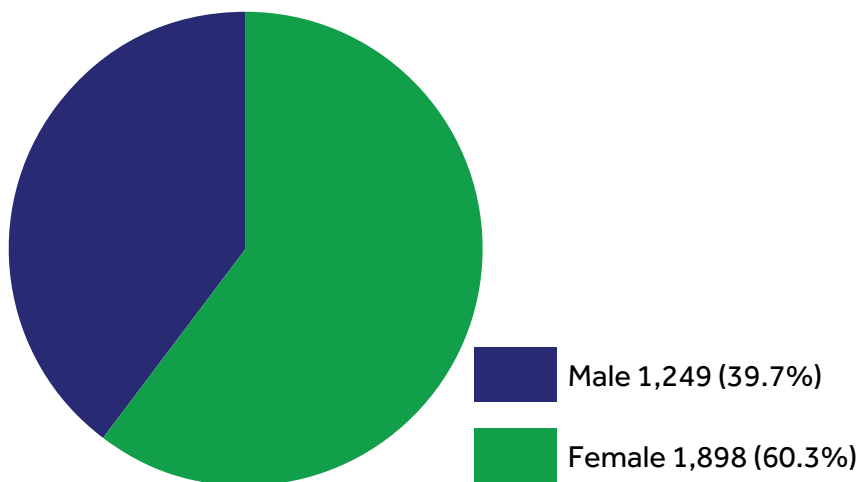
**British Thoracic Society
National Bronchiectasis Audit 2012
(national audit period 1 October 2012 – 30 November 2012)**

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A SIGNIFICANT step to improving care of patients with non cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis was the creation of the British Thoracic Society (BTS) National Guidelines (1) and Quality Standards for bronchiectasis in adults (2). A national BTS bronchiectasis audit was conducted 2012, in adult patients with bronchiectasis attending secondary care during the audit period, 1 October – 30 November 2012. The standards for the audit were taken from the BTS Quality Standards for non-cf bronchiectasis in adults. 98 institutions from across the UK took part in the audit, submitting a total of 3,147 patient records (Figure 1). The audit highlighted the variable adoption of the Quality Standards. Participating institutions are able to generate a report which compares their institutional audit data with national audit dataset (<https://audits.brit-thoracic.org.uk/>). The audit allows the participating institutions to benchmark against UK wide figures, and drive quality improvement programmes to promote the quality standards to improve patient care.

A more detailed discussion of the 2012 audit results has been submitted for publication in Thorax and will be available in due course.*

Figure 1.



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1. British Thoracic Society guideline for non-CF bronchiectasis. Pasteur MC, Bilton D, Hill AT; British Thoracic Society Bronchiectasis non-CF Guideline Group. Thorax. 2010 Jul;65 Suppl 1:i1-58. Review.
2. BTS Quality standards.
http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/Portals/0/Guidelines/Bronchiectasis/244457_BTS_Quality_Standards_Bronchiectasis.pdf.

*Please see link to Thorax here: <http://thorax.bmj.com/content/69/3/292.full?sid=d841be03-dc51-499b-9a27-7aaleecf4207>