

Patient information

Peak Flow Diary

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- The purpose of this book is to help you and your health professional know how you are getting on with your asthma.
- Please take this book to the hospital or surgery each time you visit.

Notes

What is peak flow?

Peak flow is a measure of how fast you can blow air out of your lungs. This will tell you how well controlled your asthma is.

When airways become narrowed by asthma, you cannot blow the air out as fast, so your peak flow will be lower than normal.

Peak flow readings do vary, so you should take the readings at the same time each day.

A one –off reading at the hospital or GP surgery will not give the doctor or nurse a true picture of how your asthma is. That is why you should continue to record your peak flow at home.

Why is measuring peak flow useful?

- To tell what's going on in your lungs rather than guessing how you feel.
- Find out if your medicine is working or if you need to change the amount you are taking.
- Keep a record of how well you've been and show this to your GP or asthma nurse.
- Act quickly if your peak flow tells you it's an asthma emergency.

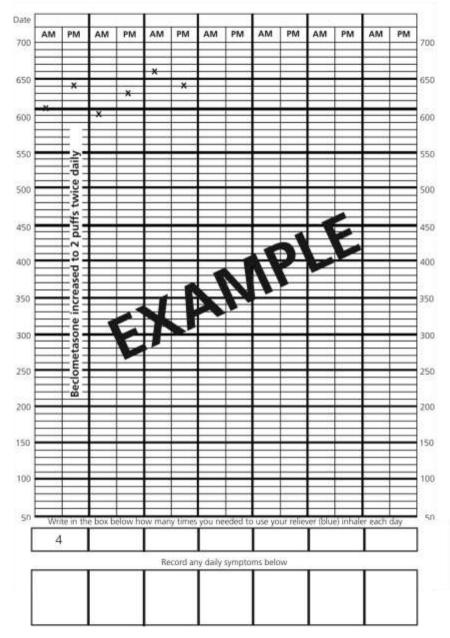
How do I use a peak flow meter?

- 1. Use before you take your inhalers.
- 2. Stand up, if you are able to do so, or sit upright.
- 3. Set the marker to the zero position.
- 4. Hold the meter in front of your mouth making sure that your fingers are clear of the pointer.
- 5. Breathe in as fully as possible.
- 6. Put your lips around the mouthpiece ensuring a good seal.
- 7. Blow out as hard and as fast as you can.
- 8. Repeat steps two to six two more times.
- 9. Mark the **highest** of the three readings on the graph. See example on page 7.

Record your peak flow times a day / week.

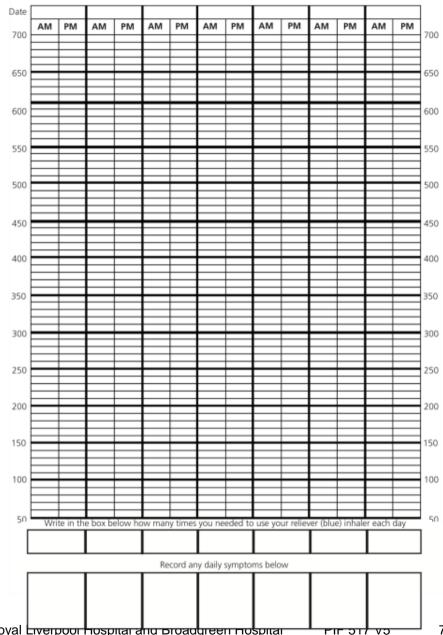
- Before inhalers in the morning
- Before inhalers in the evening

My Best Peak Flow (when I am well) is:



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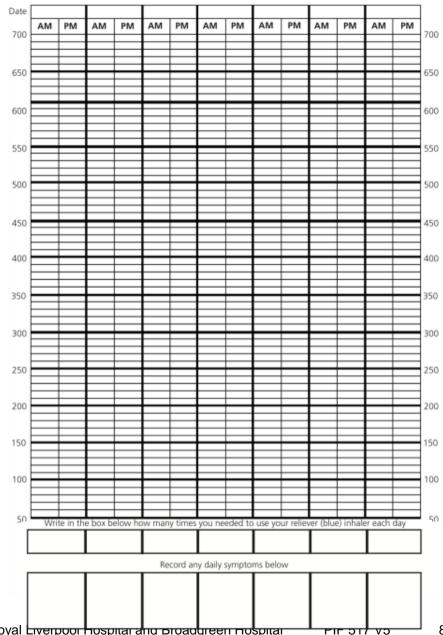
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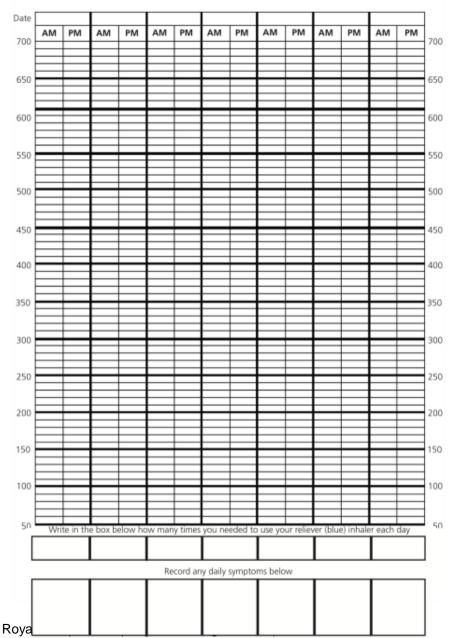
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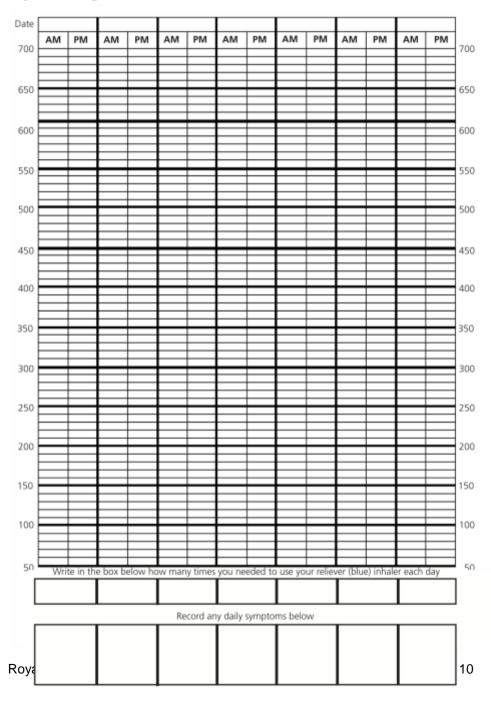
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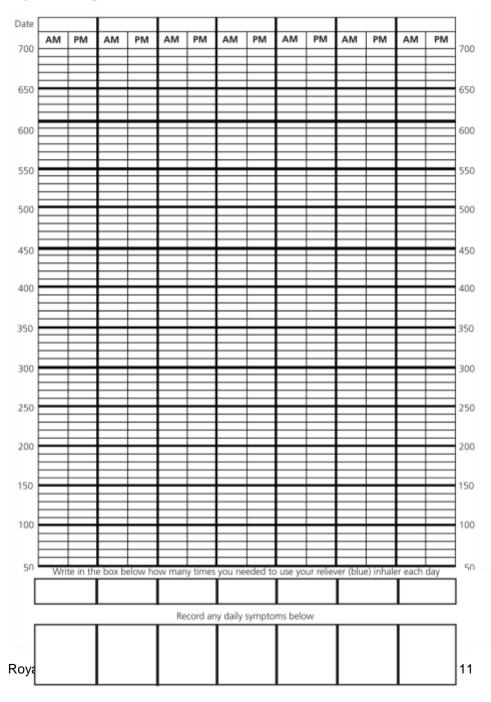
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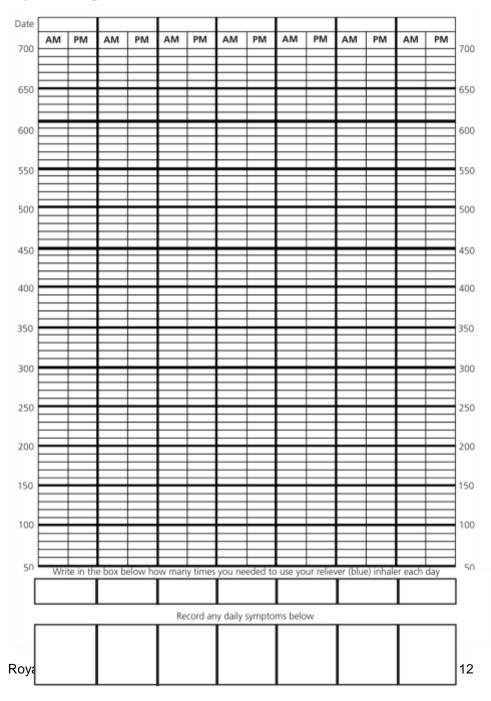
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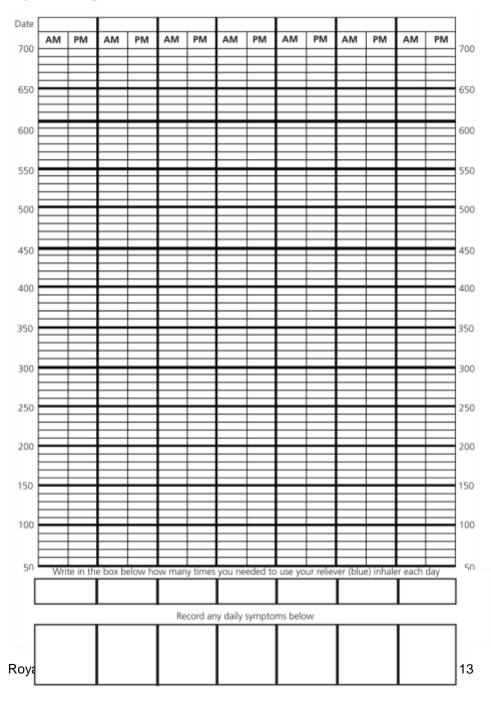


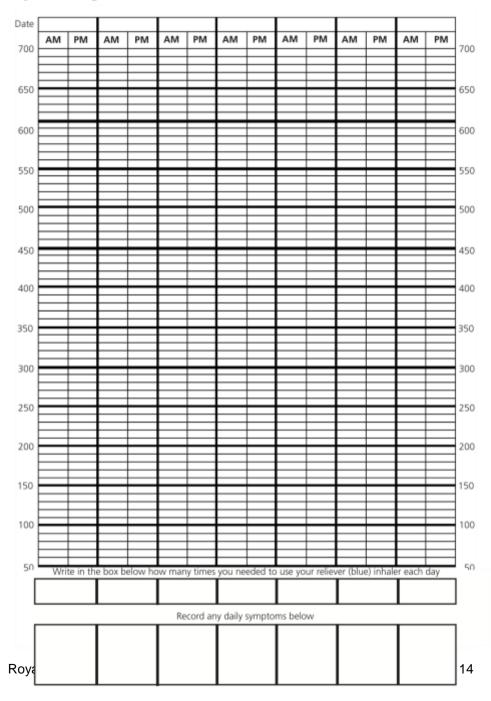
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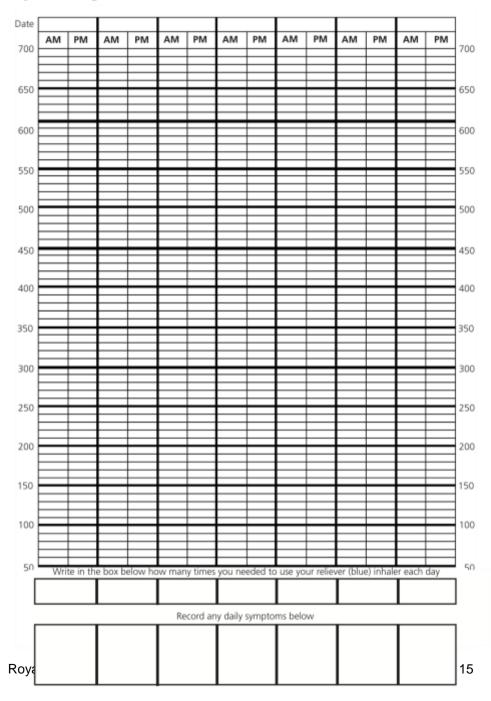


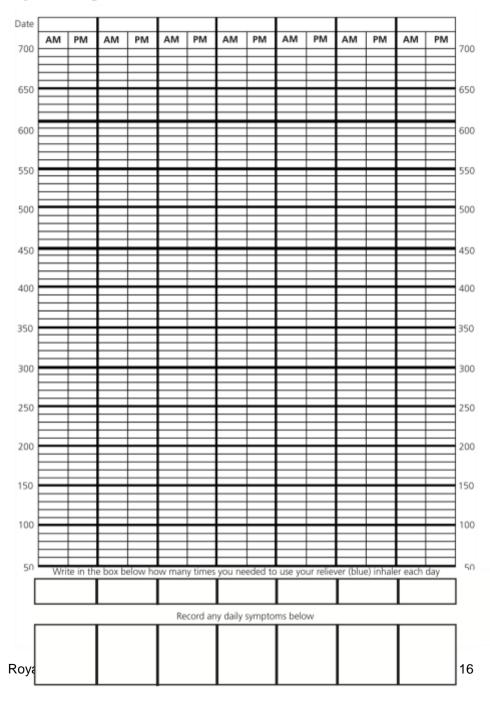


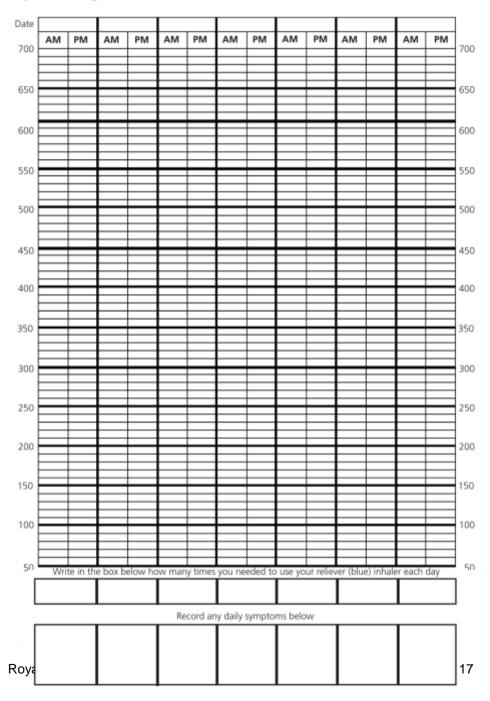


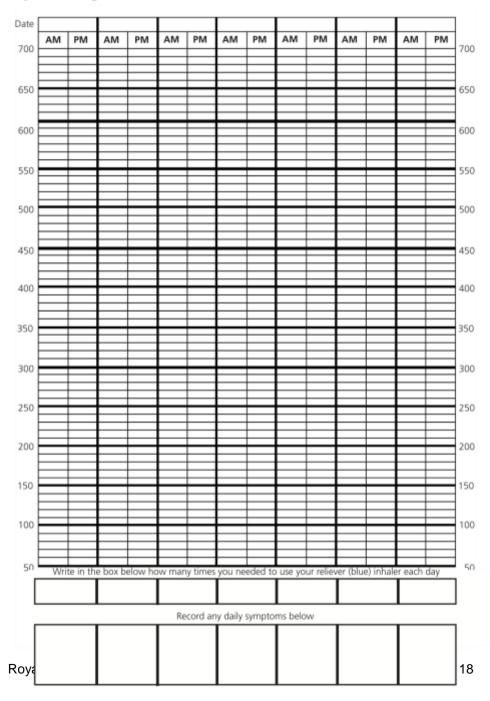


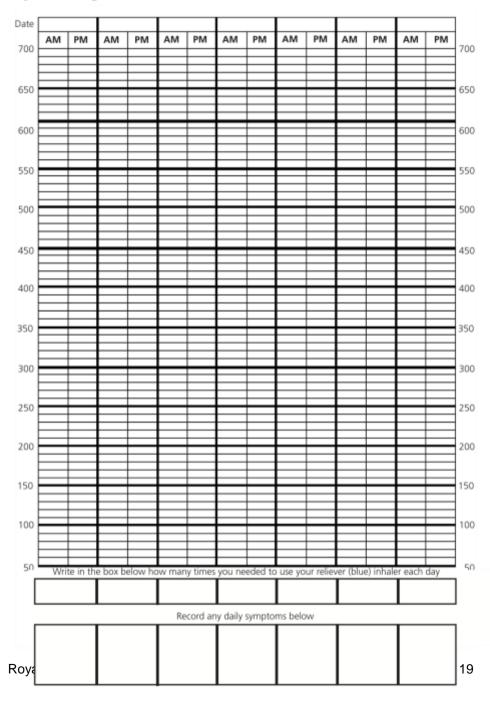


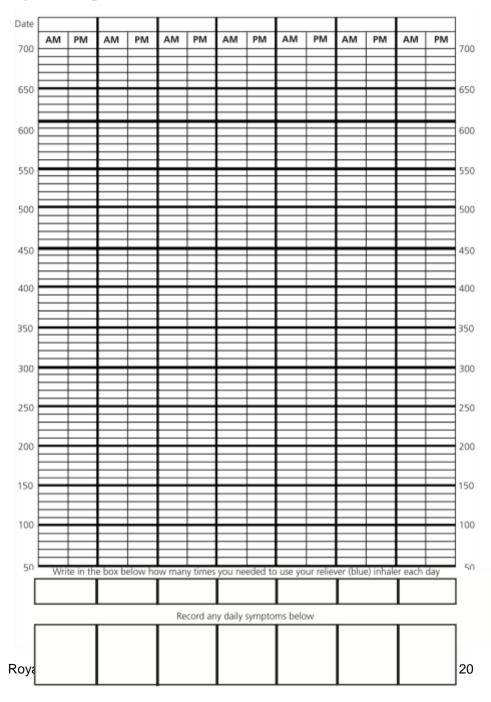


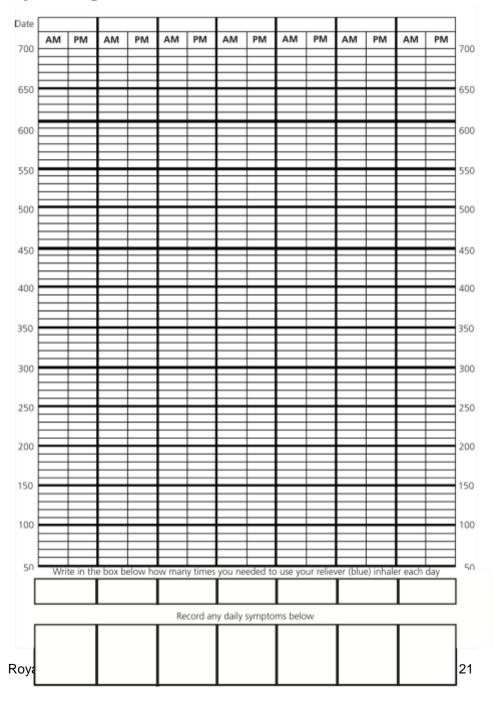


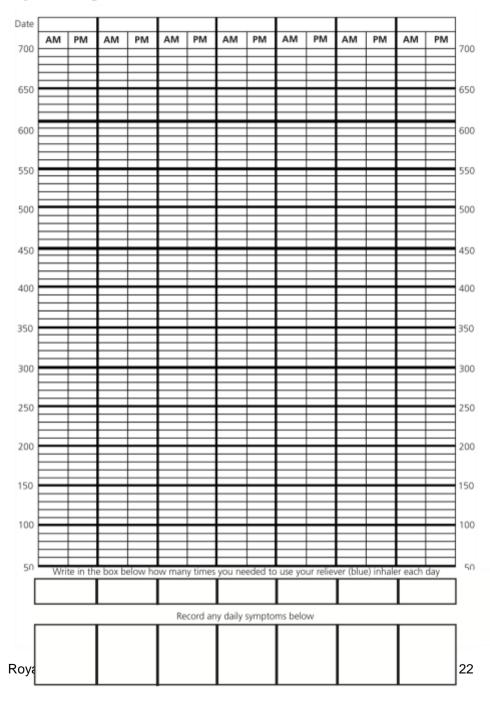


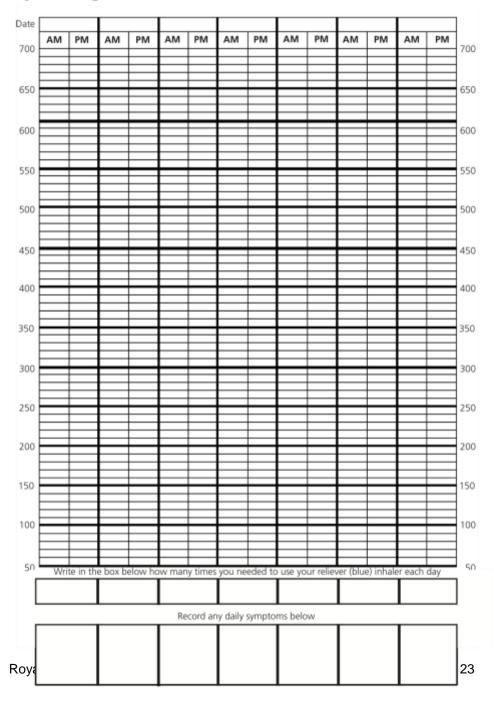


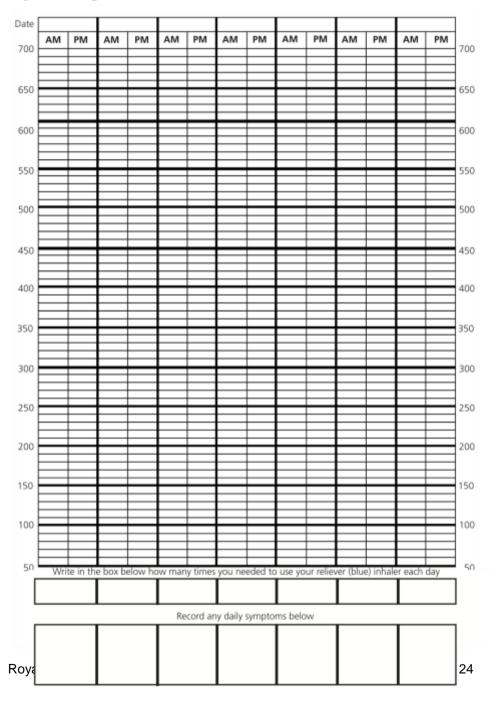


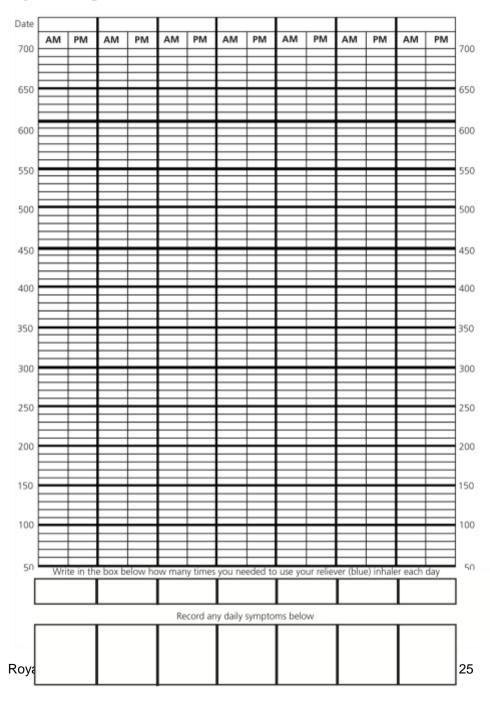


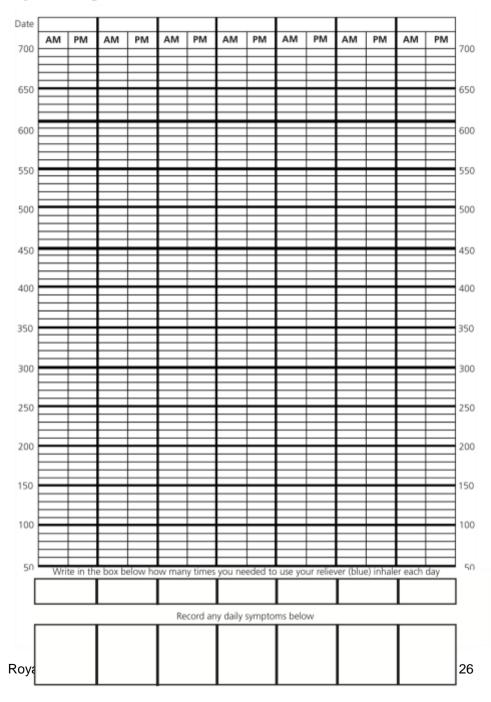












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Asthma UK Phone: 0300 222 5800 (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) Website: www.asthma.org.uk

British Lung Foundation Phone 0300 030 555(local rate) (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) Website: www.blf.org.uk

Inhaler instructions www.rightbreathe.com

Smokefree Liverpool Phone 0800 061 4212 or 0151 374 2535 Text QUIT to 66777 Website:- www.smokefreeliverpool.co.uk

NHS Website www.nhs.uk

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