The table shows values for older patients and these are indicative only. All linear models of FEV1 decline tend to overestimate the predicted values for older patients

FEV1 measurements rely on cooperation between patient and respiromatrist and readings may be highly variable. However, an annual decline averaging more than 29 ml over a few years may indicate an underlying problem.
The predicted FVC is calculated using the formula FVC (litres) = 5.76*height (metres) - 0.026*age (years) – 4.34. The formula for the predicted FVC is published by the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (www.artp.org.uk). It is based on a regression model from a cohort of subjects aged 18-60, and included height, age and gender. The table shows values for older patients and these are indicative only.