

4.05 Mid-West Respiratory Physiotherapy Optimisation Clinic – A Service Evaluation

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A pilot community-based respiratory clinic has been established in the Mid-West with the aim of optimising respiratory management and enhancing patient care of those living with chronic respiratory diseases. It enables GP practices in North Tipperary to refer patients at the lowest level of complexity directly to respiratory services in line with the HSE Integrated Model of Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease. The clinic, ran by a Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, provides one-to-one appointments to patients with chronic respiratory diseases with an opportunity for participation in community based Pulmonary Rehabilitation Classes if required. The face-to-face clinic runs in locations as close to the patients home as possible. Continuous data acquisition will take place with a snapshot clinical audit at 4 months (November 2022). The objectives of the audit are displayed in the table below.

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Outcome Measures	Assess and record the respiratory physiotherapy treatments delivered Assess and monitor the appropriateness of GP referrals to the service Patient experience surveys GP experience surveys
Process Measures	Track uptake of the service (percentage of referred patients who attend) Monitor wait times for the service
Balancing Measures	Resources required for the service Onward referrals to other services

The outcome of the audit will evaluate the pilot clinic and in addition inform future respiratory service planning in the Mid-West.

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