

## 7.11 Winning Goals For The Royal County.

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**Background:** Pre 2021, patients in County Meath travelled outside the county to avail of non-acute respiratory care. A 9 month Slaintecare project of an integrated respiratory service facilitated the establishment of Pulmonary Outreach, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Chronic Disease Management, Oxygen Therapy and Respiratory Advanced Nurse Practitioner (RANP) Clinics. In the absence of an Integrated Care Hub, continuation of these services has relied on vital support from secondary care.

**Method:** A timeline review of the service from March 2021 to June 2023 highlighting key achievements in line with the Enhanced Community Care Model.

**Results:** A total of 522 patients engaged with the service: 657 home visit episodes and a total of 478 clinic episodes across hospital and community sites. A total of 370 Oxygen Therapy appointments were issued. The RANP Clinic provided 81 new and 64 review appointments. Over 15 months, 68 patients were assessed for pulmonary Rehabilitation.

**Conclusion:** Governance from secondary care facilitates continuation of this service. This framework is not in line with the ECC Model. Integrated Consultant Governance and staff recruitment is paramount to ensure all Meath patients have equitable access to community based specialist respiratory care.

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