

### **7.13 “Mid-West Community Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Right Care, Right Place, Right Time.”**

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**Background:** Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) in the Midwest was historically delivered in acute settings. February 2022 saw the launch of Community PR in community venues. The community PR aimed to improve access and to overcome barriers to enrolment such as travel and proximity to venue (1). It supports the Enhanced Community Care ‘right care, right place, right time’ ethos (2). Aim: To present new Mid-West community PR venues and the patient’s feedback.

**Methods:** Venue selection had many considerations such as waiting list demands and patient’s address. Satisfaction questionnaires were issued to patients following completion of each PR programme. Feedback was collated and used to advance future programmes.

**Results:** Community PR ran in 9 venues across the Midwest, 41 programmes completed serving 426 patients to date, with 6 programmes pending. This included 3 virtual programmes. Patients feedback was positive in terms of convenience, accessibility and proximity to venues. Face-to-face programmes were the patient’s preferred mode of delivery, however virtual PR provided access to those without transport.

**Conclusion:** Midwest community PR provide a new pathway outside of the acute setting. These programmes illustrate the improved access to care, offering alternative locations, reducing travel and facilitating patient’s needs.

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