

## **8.15 An Oxygen Therapy Clinic (OTC) Serving Meath Patients**

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**Background:** Prior to Jan 2022, Meath patients requiring Long Term Oxygen (LTOT) or Ambulatory Oxygen Therapy (AOT) attended an oxygen service outside the County or had no follow up. An Oxygen Therapy Service was developed and delivered by the Meath Integrated Respiratory Service, under the governance of Respiratory Consultants in OLHN.

**Method:** Key performance indicators and clinic activity for 18 months were collected and audited.

**Results:** A total of 371 appointments were issued. A total of 103 new patients attended, with 82% referred from local sources. Review episodes completed amounted to 179. Forty four and 63 patients had LTOT and AOT respectively prior to attending. A total of 18 LTOT amendments and 70 AOT amendments were made. New LTOT was ordered for 4 patients, with 13 prescribed new AOT. LTOT and AOT was removed in 7 and 12 cases respectively. A Consultant discussion was required in 61 cases. Liaison with patient family was required in 45% of cases.

**Conclusion:** Establishment of this Oxygen Service has allowed Meath patients to avail of therapy optimisation close to their home.

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