

4.09 Sharing is Caring - Hospital and Community Integrated Pulmonary Rehab

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Background: Acute and community respiratory services deliver Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) in North Tipperary. The hospital based PR has been established for 14 years. With the introduction of community PR, and GP referrals, there was an uneven volume of referrals, and duplication, between both waiting lists. A pilot integrated PR was completed in early 2024. **Methodology:** Integrating hospital and community PR programmes was approved by the governing Respiratory Consultants and management. Integrated meetings and planning ensued. An electronic shared folder was created and waiting lists amalgamated. Resources were pooled so higher numbers of patients could attend safely and efficiently. A temporary pathway to the hospital Oxygen Clinic was established. **Results:** 38 participants completed PR in the Church at Nenagh Hospital, where otherwise numbers would have been lower. Classes were delivered by acute and community staff. Pooling staff meant leave was covered, and classes not cancelled. Prompt access to oxygen assessment and prescription. **Conclusion:** Pooling resources, enabled us to provide a successful integrated PR programme. Higher volumes enrolled, waiting times reduced, and access improved. Integrated PR continues, and has inspired us to formalise pathways for oxygen assessments. **Keywords:** Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Integration. **Disclosures:** The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.