

4.11 Outcomes following Transfer of the Oxygen Service of Assessment & Review to the Community in the Western Trust, N Ireland

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Background: The Western Health Social Care Trust (WHSCT) delivery of the Home Oxygen Service of Assessment and Review (HOSAR) transitioned from acute service delivery into the Community in May 2016. **Method:** The annual data of patient throughput in the HOSAR community service from May 2016 to May 2024 was reviewed to ascertain the outcomes of the service since moving to the CRT.

Results: The community HOSAR service has delivered care to 6394 patients since 2016 with an average of 799.25 patients assessed and reviewed annually. This is an annual increase of 515 patients since May 2016. 2021 saw a peak in the numbers with 1065 being assessed as a result of the covid pandemic. The current waiting list is 239 as of 31/7/24. **Conclusion:** Delivering the HOSAR service in the Community setting improves accessibility for patients and supports the model of chronic disease management in long term respiratory conditions. It has proved successful in relieving pressure in our acute sector, therefore providing our respiratory nurse specialists with the time to concentrate on their more acute role.

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