

8.14 Feedback on General Practitioner's Early Experiences of Enhanced Community Care for Asthma and COPD in Ireland: A Roadmap To Continuous Improvement

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Background: Facilitating community Chronic Disease Management (CDM) has become a priority in Ireland. Enhanced Community Care (ECC) began roll-out nationally in 2022 providing some GPs with community access to respiratory diagnostics, pulmonary rehabilitation, nurse-led and consultant clinics for CDM of asthma and COPD. **Methods:** GPs were surveyed on the perceived impact and effectiveness of CDM and ECC, as well as the current barriers to optimising asthma/COPD in primary care. **Results:** 40 GPs completed the survey. 88% had access to the ECC. 57% of those believe that the referral criteria has been well communicated to GPs. 82% and 18% of GPs with access to ECC perceived the care to be “superior” or “similar” to hospital outpatients, respectively. 98% with access to CNS-led clinics rated them as similar/higher quality than hospital outpatients. 95% preferred a model of timely community-review and optimisation over 1-2 visits followed by discharge, to traditional hospital OPD with repeating follow-up. The most commonly identified barrier to effective COPD/asthma care for GPs was confusion over the growing variety of inhalers. **Conclusions:** ECC has been well received by GPs. Feedback helps identify high-yield areas-of-need for continuous improvement, and areas of focus for GP continuous professional development in CDM. **Conflict of Interest:** The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.