Evaluation of a Local Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Health Improvement Programme

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In Wyre Primary Care Group (PCG) Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) has been targeted through a local Health Improvement Programme since December 1999. Patients are identified through practice based audit and correct diagnosis is established through a mobile community spirometry service. Locally developed protocols lead ongoing COPD management in General Practice and in collaboration with secondary care an Integrated Care Pathway in COPD has been developed.

Evaluation is ongoing and the method adopts a pluralistic perspective, in an effort to capture the many varied viewpoints among the several distinct stakeholders.

The results of the study will demonstrate

- Data relating to more than 1000 patients who have undergone spirometry assessment and clinical follow-up
- The effectiveness of a mobile spirometry service
- The impact of education and training on COPD care
- The effectiveness of the Health Improvement Programme from the perspectives of the various stakeholders

The findings of this study will provide useful information for organisations planning to review their COPD management

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