

# EARLY RESPIRATORY DIAGNOSTIC HUB



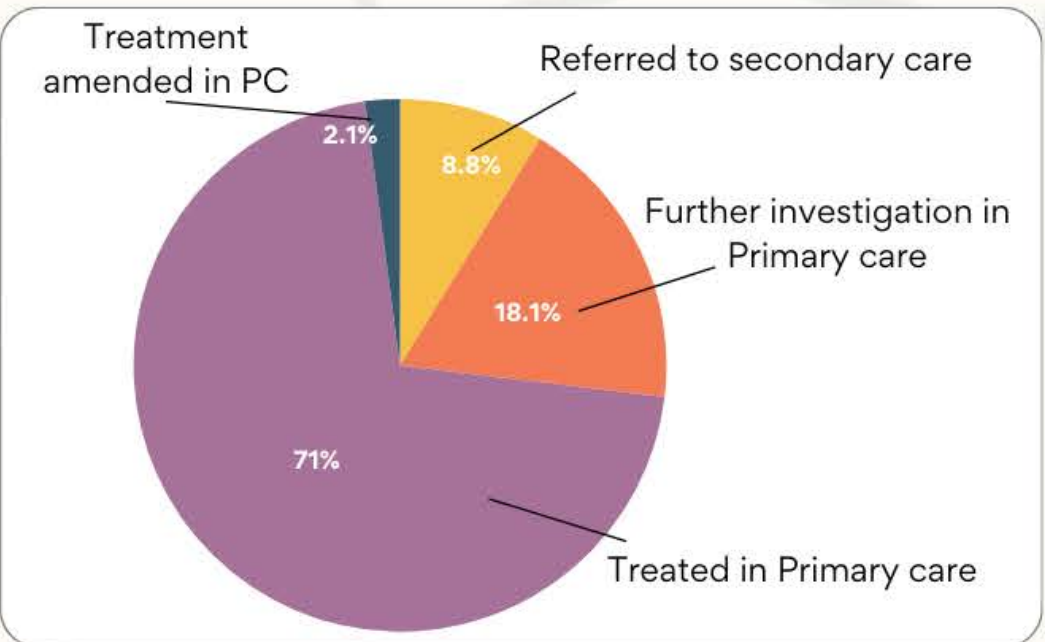
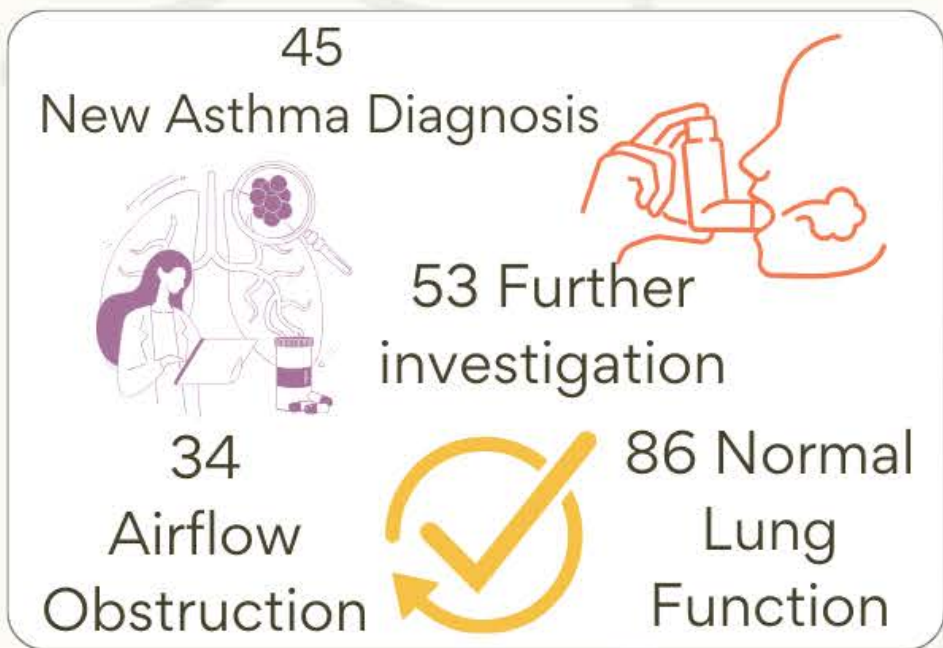
The Early Respiratory Diagnostic Hub is dedicated to streamlining and enhancing referral pathways for asthma, COPD, and ILD by **providing timely, accessible diagnostic testing in Primary Care** for adults suspected of having lung conditions. This initiative aims to reduce respiratory admissions through quicker diagnoses, leading to improved management of respiratory diseases. By facilitating earlier diagnosis and more appropriate treatments, we seek to minimise the need for patients to frequently visit clinics, while also ensuring that only those who truly require specialist care are referred to respiratory clinics. All 22 GP practices within the Armagh & Dungannon Federation are connected to this hub, which implements new models of care designed to ensure that patients **receive the right services at the right time and place**. This project aligns with our commitment to addressing population health needs, particularly in **reducing health inequities**.



Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council ranks **207/216** highest combined rate of emergency respiratory admissions & deaths. The rate of respiratory admissions in the most deprived areas was almost **double** that of the least deprived areas.



## Patient Outcomes



## Practice Engagement



## Demographics

## Smoking status



## Feedback

## Average Waiting Time

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Against a backdrop of serious ongoing challenges, not least the impact of increasing demand and workloads for GPs and their staff, I must commend the Federation for its commitment to developing this important new service which will help to stabilise vital Primary Care services in the community.

**Former Health Minister Robin Swann**

