Kidscope Paediatric Clinic: An Integrated Model of Care, Improving Outcomes for Children in Disadvantaged Communities

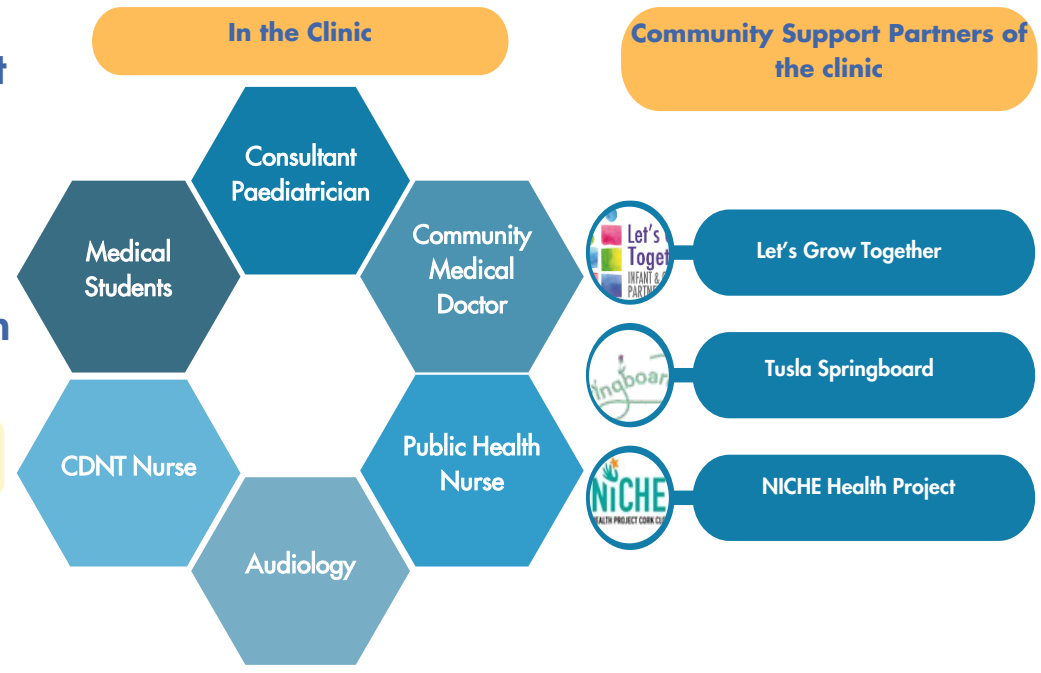
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Introduction

Established in 2010, Kidscope is a consultant-led community paediatric clinic located in the northwest sector of Cork City, classified as extremely disadvantaged, dedicated to serving preschool-aged children.
Under the expert leadership of Dr. Louise Gibson, the clinic has supported over 2,000 children and families, making a significant impact on child health and wellbeing outcomes.

Who's involved?



Objectives of the Clinic



To improve child outcomes by providing a wrap-around system of care for vulnerable families



To provide assessment, treatment & onward referral to children 0-6 with health or developmental concerns

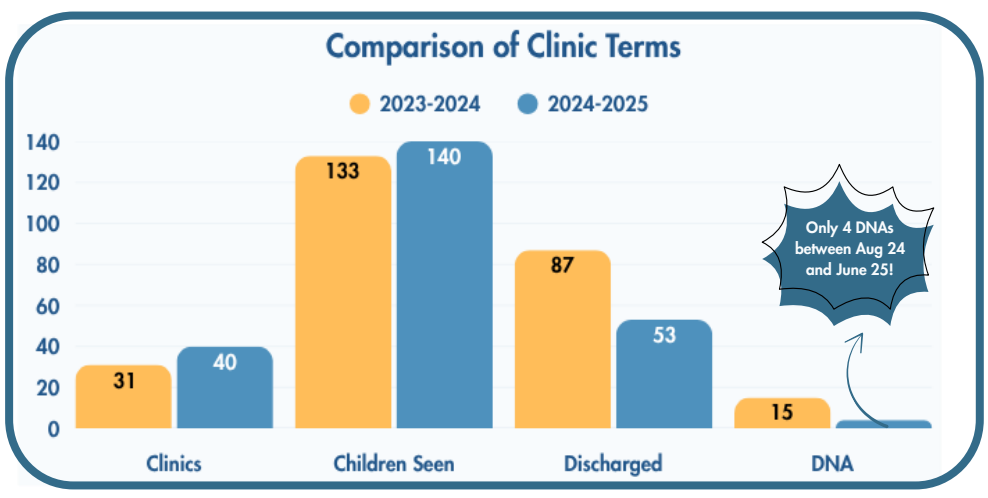


To act as a teaching clinic for 4 year medical students from UCC

Methods

- Referrals are primarily received via public health nurses
- Once triaged, families are generally seen within 2 months
- Families will receive a phone call to arrange a date that suits them and will get reminder texts the day before
- Clinics run every Thursday during the academic year in a local community HSE Building
- Medical students take the lead on the history taking and observations with the assistance of the paediatrician, community medical doctor and nurses
- A multidisciplinary team meeting with the people involved in the clinic and the partners of the clinic is held after each clinic bringing staff together from different services to discuss how they may be able to respond to and support the child and their family

Outcomes



Data from Aug 24 - June 25

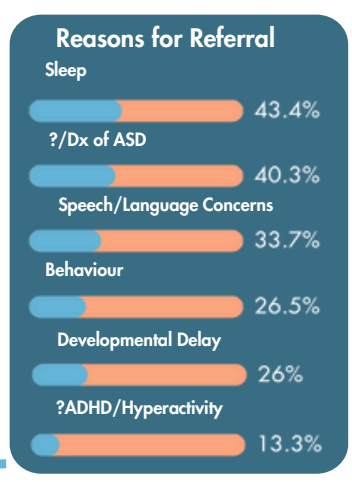
Medical Students	Audiology Students	Appointments Offered
176	8	200

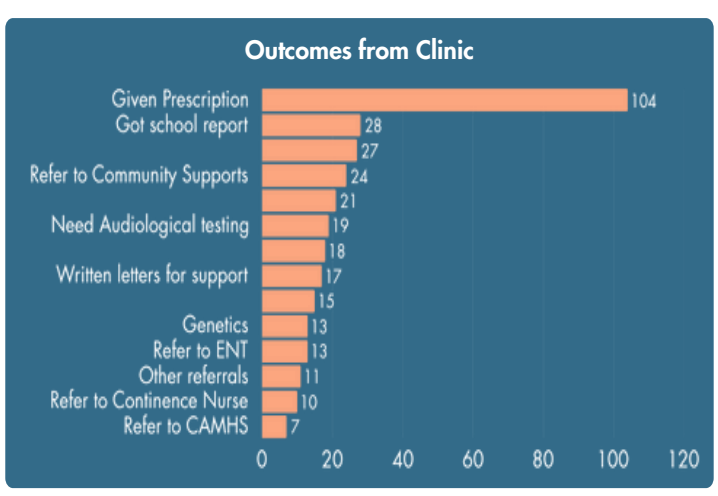
Children are being seen quicker, allowing earlier detection of delays, disorders or conditions, resulting in earlier intervention and diagnoses

Families report improved confidence, reduesd stress and better engagement with services

Multidisciplinary collaboration enhances decision-making and ensures families are receiving the supports they need

Kidscope reduces hospital waitlists and demonstrates effective integrated care for vulnerable populations





Conclusion

Kidscope exemplifies transformative integrated care, bridging clinical and community systems to deliver early, holistic interventions.
It offers a sustainable model for multidisciplinary collaboration, improving child development trajectories and reducing health inequities.
The clinic provides a valuable teaching environment for future healthcare professionals and fosters cross-sectoral learning.
Its successful outcomes support national replication, mainstreamed in policy, offering a scalable approach to reform community paediatric services.



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